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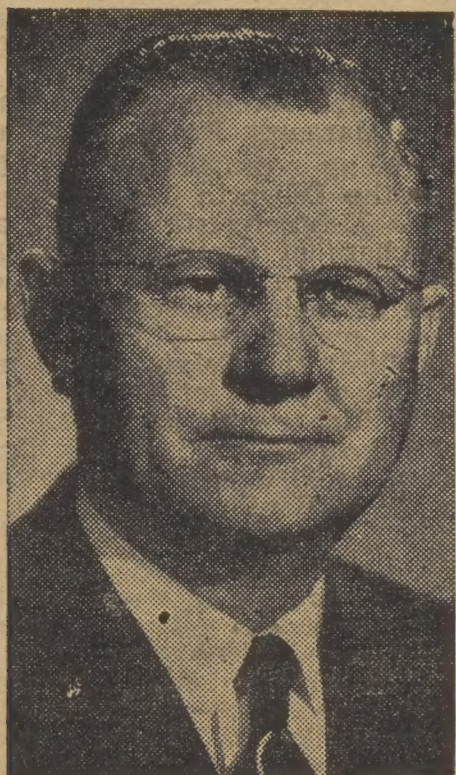
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Delbert L. Stapley, Latest In Council of Twelve, Heard At Oakland Conference

Under the direction of the last appointed member of the Quorum of the Twelve, Delbert L. Stapley, and with Glen C. Shaw conducting the exercises 1123 members of the Oakland Stake met in regular quarterly conference Saturday and Sunday, January 26-27 at the Oakland chapel. Music was furnished for the first two Sunday sessions by the Singing Mothers of the Stake Relief Societies under the leadership of Teresa Sims and with Neita Van Noy at the piano. Angus Norberg of the stake presidency was released, and Elmo R. Smith sustained as a member of that presidency.

President were the Stake presidency with the exception of Angus Norberg who was re-



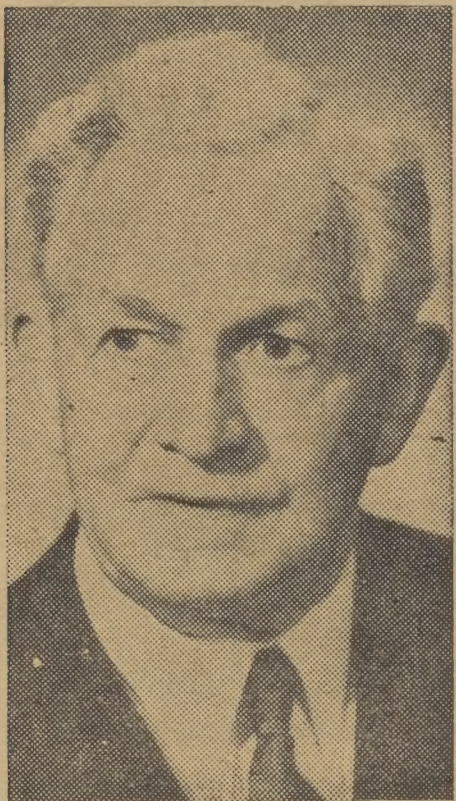
Delbert L. Stapley, Council of Twelve

Elder Delbert L. Stapley of the Council of Twelve Apostles of the Church made his maiden official visit as an apostle to the Bay Area when he attended the Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference January 26 and 27, 1952. Elder Stapley is the latest member to be sustained as one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and came into the quorum after many years of service in the Church in Arizona where he was president of the Phoenix stake at the time of his call into his present position.

ported excused because of continued illness; the stake patriarch, Robert T. Paine; members of the High Council, and Thomas W. Gardner president of the Northern California Mission. Sisters Gardner and Stapley accompanied their husbands.

Heard at the morning and afternoon sessions on Sunday were Elders Stapley, Delbert H. Wright, Glen C. Shaw; returned missionaries Curtis Finch and Joyce Briscoe; recent converts C. Earl Wilson, Morris Williams (Continued on page 7)

Pres. David O. McKay



President David O. McKay spoke on "Temple Marriage" at a special meeting Thursday evening, Jan. 24, in the South Los Angeles stake center. In attendance were young people of the area who are enrolled in the LDS institutes at college or in the LDS seminaries for high school students. The meeting had been arranged under the direction of Dr. G. Byron Done, head of the Institute program in this area, and Ray L. Jones, principal of Southern California seminaries. The seminary program, introduced here last year, has expanded rapidly, with 28 seminaries now in session each school morning at 7 o'clock and 676 students enrolled.

Inter-Mt. News

Culled from the Daily Des. News

• Robert Taylor, movie star, contributes an article to the Deseret News Magazine Section of Jan. 20, 1952, regarding his coming filming of "Eagle on His Cap" on a location near Wendover, Utah. This film is of an American aviator who flew the plane that carried the bomb over Hiroshima. Taylor became interested in Utah history, he says, while making the film, "Westward the Women" which was done on location at Kanab, Utah.

• Another Deseret News story in this same issue of the great intermountain paper is the colored pictures and the interesting story of the tens of thousands of bats which nightly fly in and out of Carlsbad Caverns from their dark habitat far down in the gloom of the huge caves. At twilight they emerge from their dark habitat and feed upon the flying insects, but dart back into their black quarters before dawn breaks again.

• Utah made a profit of nearly \$11,000,000 in the past three-year period from the state-controlled sale of liquors.

• A Sale Lake realtor and builder, Alan E. Brockbank, subdivision contractor, has been elected president of the National Assn. Of Home Builders at their annual meeting in Chicago, January 22.

• President Truman's huge budget include two items of particular interest to Utah; (a) \$2,100,000 to fight the poisonous range weed, halogen which is so deadly to cattle in the intermountain region, and (b) \$2,300,000 to continue work on the Provo River Reclamation Project so that the Duchesne tunnel may be completed and thus bring Uintah Basin water into Utah and Salt Lake counties.

• The BYU Journalism Department will become the first college affiliate of the Associated Press (AP) in the intermountain area on January 7th when the S. L. C. A. P. bureau begins regular news service to the BYU campus by teletype.

The Journalism Department will use this daily news service as laboratory material, students reading the AP service as for daily newspaper use, writing (Continued on page six)

Church-wide News

• On January 28th "the carpenter put down his hammer and the painter his brush" while Architect George Cannon Young turned over to Mrs. LaVerne W. Parmley, general president of the Primary Assn., the new Primary Hospital high on the north bench hills overlooking the great Salt Lake Valley. After two years in building this modern stately structure will care not only for 70 "in-patients" but one floor will be almost given over to "out-patients" who are brought to the hospital at regular intervals for special treatment. Two elevators are installed.

• 80 acres have been added recently to the Perris ranch, the 500-acre church welfare farm of the Southern California Region. Located to the east of the ultra-modern Perris ranch, it is equipped with machinery, a three-bedroom home, a well and plenty of water for irrigation.

• Ricks college of Rexburg, Idaho, will hold its 25th leadership week Feb. 15, 16 and 17, using the theme "Freedom through moral and spiritual integrity." This theme, it is felt, will be applied not only on a national and world basis but for discussing freedom on an individual and personal basis.

• J. Spencer Cornwall, leader of the tabernacle choir, has been singled out for a laudatory article in the December number of Music Magazine of the West. The article is entitled, "How Does Mr. Cornwall Do It?" The article quotes John Philip Sousa as once saying that the tabernacle choir was the "best trained choir in the United States," while Eugene Ormandy, director of the Philadelphia orchestra, called it the "most coherent, the most beautiful and balanced choir I have heard anywhere." The author of the magazine story adds that Mr. Cornwall is able to still maintain these high standards, and tells the "tricks" by which he is able to hold the choir to such high standards.

• The present Church MIA basketball league is now in action in about 800 wards of the Church and enrolls over 10,000 ardent players in Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, California, Mexico and Canada. And for the first time the eastern states of New York, Florida, Washington, D. C., and South Carolina will participate. They will probably compete in semi-finals at Chicago and send the winning team to Salt Lake City for the grand (Continued on page six)

Book Review

LET'S LIVE; Claude Richards (brother to Stephen L.) Exposition Press Inc., New York 16. \$3.00 from I. B. Ball, LDS book and Church Uews.

This book proposes an International League for Better Living to knit the world together, to put international relations on a higher moral plane. This plan is in essence a combination of tens of thousands of Home Evenings bringing about the moral and spiritual fortitude of millions of people, fusing them into one great international organization. The Home Evening is one of the most exciting suggestions presented by Elder Richards, a simple and attractive plan for, knitting the whole family unit together. High endorsement of the book comes from Elbert D. Thomas, ex-senator and now High Commissioner, Pacific Trust Territories.

HISTORY OF JOSEPH BY HIS MOTHER: Preston Nibley, Stephen & Wallis, Inc., Salt Lake City 1945. 355 pages. \$2.50. I. B. Ball, LDS Books & Church News.

The mother of the Prophet, Lucy Mack Smith, a dynamic spiritual woman of iron will and deep convictions wrote this volume in her later years as she sat a cripple in the deserted city of Nauvoo after the saints had left for the West. Notes are by Preston Nibley. Who could make the prophet so human and loving, so pitiable yet so noble, so sure and so inspired as his gifted mother? It is a human document that will enrich the mind and the soul forever. Her own Christian personality revealed in this book is one of the great assets to the Church her son once led.

Present Status Claremont

Ward's New Chapel

Claremont's new chapel is now going up at a fast rate under the titanic labors and leadership of forman Charles Maurer and his crews of volunteers from the wards of Berkeley stake. Timbers and walls are now rising like magic. It is sage to say that soon the roof will be on.

Everyone enjoy a pleasant sense of warm satisfaction who gives labor for such a divine end as erecting a House of the Lord. Is there one who would deny himself such a blessing?

Claremont's new chapel is not going down to Stuart Street, Berkeley to see how things are moving on this structure. Go down Telegraph about five blocks to Stuart and turn west a quarter of a block.

Donna Lee Wall, Violinist; Madlyn Mulvihill, Pianist In Sonata Recital, Jan. 30

At the Chapel of the Chimes, 4400 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland at 8 p.m. sharp, Wednesday January 30, 1952 these two outstanding artists of the violin and piano will present a glorious sonata recital.

Open to the public with no admission charge the unusual program will give these ladies of talent an opportunity to please the most exacting in three groups of delightful, masterful world-famous numbers.

From Edward Greig will come Sonata No. 1 in F, Allegro Con Brio, and two other numbers; from Richard Strauss will be heard Sonata Opus 18 in E-flat, Allegro Ma Non Troppo, and two other numbers; while from Mozart they have selected Sonata No. 1 K 305, Allegro Di Molto and Theme with Variations.

Particularly the members of the Church will be charmed by the deep sincerity of Donna's numbers since she has already established herself as the ideal lady violinist of the east bay wards on so many choice occasions. Donna is a graduate from the music department of Holy Names College, Oakland and has been presented by that college in several recitals of rare beauty. She is currently accepting a few students, and is noted for her kindly, helpful instruction.

Are You Moving?

Then you may be willing to send to The Messenger your old as well as your new address. Many forget to do this. Result: The Messenger is returned by the Post Office and we thus not only waste many copies but we pay two cents to the Post Office for each undeliverable paper returned to us. All this could be avoided if you'd send advance notice that you are going to move. Address 1612 Spruce Street, Berkeley.

Ship Brooklyn Pioneer Became First Leader And Settler In Alameda County

By Annaleone D. Patton

It is well known that July 31 is Mormon Pioneer Day in California, being the day in 1846 when two hundred and thirty-eight Latter-day-Saints landed from the good old ship Brooklyn and became the first Anglo-Saxon colonizers under the Stars and Stripes in California.

What is not widely known is that members of that hardy band of pilgrims soon became also the first Anglo Saxon settlers, farmers, home and community builders on the east side of San Francisco Bay in what is now southern Alameda County. Yet the facts have been on record for many years.

Annaleone Davis Patton (Anna and "Mom" Patton), our local research historian, recently has visited the communities around Centerville, talked with descendants of some of these ship Brooklyn pioneers. With the help of Alameda county historic publications and persons having first hand knowledge of events and sites, she has recreated many early day Mormon "firsts" in the great East Bay region. This research by Sister Patton, no doubt, will yet bear fruit in the form of plaques and markers in Alameda county in a way similar to the two marker monuments erected this spring in San Joaquin county and dedicated by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers following historian Patton's original researches.

We herewith present Mrs. Patton's Chapter I in this narrative. Readers will here learn that these first Anglo Saxon settlers in Alameda County did not cross the bay from San Francisco and settle where Oakland now is, but rode south from San Francisco on horseback around the southern end of the bay and up through what now is southern Alameda county and, becoming fascinated with the broad level acres and crops in the neighborhood of Mission San Jose, returned to farm and to establish homes, schools, (Continued on page seven.)

Does It Pay to Advertise In The Messenger

Sometimes a local business man sounds off with a sour note to the tune, "Our people don't take the trouble to trade with their own fellow members." And this statement may even be adequately proven in his particular case by actual facts and figures.

What shall one say about this? Shall we still go on advertising in The Messenger? First, let the facts presented be frankly admitted. Face the situation. Start from there. What shall he say and do in the ugly face of the facts? Of course, not all LDS business men report similarly.

We can take either of two courses: surrender, give up, quit, stop the attempt to win LDS patronage, say it's hopeless, never be changed; that's that. Or one may say: the situation ought to be changed; more fellow members should be encouraged to take more interest in dealing with LDS business and professional men and women; we'll keep on trying some better ways of foster closer feelings of brotherhood in temporal as well as spiritual affairs; we'll join with the other Messenger Sponsor Club members in their effort; we'll send in business news notes occasionally to the Messenger, and in every way help The Messenger and others to make our members aware of happy fraternity in spirit and in truth.

In the meantime the enlarged Messenger enters every LDS home of record in four stakes, 6200 in January, whereas the figure stood at 2700 in 1946, just five years ago. And more names coming.

President Mauss At Conference In Korea

Conference sessions attended by over 500 LDS servicemen were held in various locations in Korea during one week in January by Vinal G. Mauss of the Japanese Mission, who flew in from Japan. There are an estimated 1000 to 1500 LDS servicemen in Korea, tho many of them, naturally, could not attend conference sessions.

There will soon be a number of baptisms in Korea, both of the native Koreans and of servicemen, reports Chaplain Irons who attended the conference with President Mauss.

"I can assure you," writes Pres. Mauss as quoted in the Deseret News of Jan. 16, 1952, "I have never experienced such pride in my life as I felt for our young men in Korea."

Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference February 16 and 17

The Berkeley Stake Conference will assemble February 16, and 17 at the Berkeley chapel, corner of Vine and Cedar Streets. The presidency reminds all the saints that a full attendance is expected at all the conference sessions. Special music will be prepared for each session and a visiting official from Salt Lake will be in attendance it is expected.

Bus. News-Notes

• M. Dee Smith v. p. of the Robinson Mortuary on Fruitvale avenue, says that he will be willing to mail one of the company's 1952 calendars showing the colored picture of the Salt Lake Temple, and the various ward meeting hours to anyone who has not received one.

• Don L. Kimball of El Cerrito has purchased for over \$50,-



DON L. KIMBALL

000 Ray's Trailer and Auto Park at 2451 Church Lane Highway 40, one and one half blocks east of San Pablo avenue. This fine Park will immediately be greatly improved and become San Pablo's best auto and trailer park. Don Kimball is already the owner of the famous Peek A Boo Auto and Trailer Park of 1702 San Pablo avenue, and of the Kimball Trailer Sales at 1600 (continued on page six)

I Don't Think That The Lord Cares Very Much. Really. How Much I Have Property-Wise, Said Pres. J. Reuben Clark

Speaking at the monthly meeting of the Emigration ward High Priests, January, 1952, Pres. Clark declared, "I do not believe that the Lord cares very much really, how much I have property-wise. I do not think he cares very much how much his



people shall have, how wealthy they may become.

"I mean that worldly goods are not an essential part of our lives. I mean, too, that the things that really do count are these spiritual sacrifices. . . . We must curb our selfishness. We must curb our ambitions that must be achieved at the expense of others. We must curb our passions of all kinds. We must curb our desires to rule our fellow men. We must build up our patience, our forbearance, our love, our charity. These are the sacrifices that we are called upon to make, spiritual sacrifices, and then the Lord is with us and helping us.

"These are the things that make us grow. We grow only by the things that we give up, that we sacrifice. No man ever grows by just having his own way, by having all the things that he wants. He may increase in worldly wealth, but he does not increase in spirit; does not grow in intellect. We always grow by overcoming resistance."

BERKELEY STAKE SECTION

Berkeley Stake's Climactic Musical Event In Huge, Beautiful Berkeley H. S. Theatre

On the evening of April 30, 1952, Berkeley stake will present the Brigham Young university orchestra of 80 members in a grand concert at the famed Berkeley high school auditorium.

This marvelous organization of musicians under the baton of Professor Sardonis is on tour of the Northern California section, and will limit its East Bay appearance to this one concert April 30 at 8 p.m.

The leader of this gifted group of highly trained musicians is a musician much in demand in adjudication and in conducting institutes for the training of orchestra leaders. He is spending the current year at the university in Provo and is in charge of the BYU orchestra, and also gives instruction in instrumental music.

President W. Glenn Harmon in making announcement of the forthcoming appearance of this great orchestra declared that if the members of the Berkeley stake alone awakened to the choice opportunity thus afforded to hear the best in great orchestras that the huge Berkeley auditorium would be filled to the brim. From Oakland stake and surrounding area will come great numbers of music lovers, and friends of the great church university at Provo, Utah.

Prices will be kept within the reach of the saints generally and an appeal is made for everyone to rally to this event and to make it a memorable one in the cultural history of the bay region.

Committees will be immediately set up in all the wards of the area and a vigorous campaign for sale of tickets will be promoted.

Rodeo Branch News

By MARGIE HAYDEN.

Branch President's Message

You have often heard the statement "You don't have to be rich to be a Latter-Day Saint, but it helps." You are asked for tithing, fast offerings, and so forth. We would also like to remind you of the budget at this time. It takes a certain amount of money each month to run the Branch for books from time to time, sacrament cups, money for the auxiliaries.

The only outside help we receive is a portion of the rent of the hall. The rest of the money must come from you and me. No one person can, by any manner or means, support the Branch. A community or united effort is the only acceptable manner. If we make regular donations, say \$1.50 or \$2.00, and everyone does this, your Branch would not have to worry about where our next months rent is coming from.

Our stage show was a success as far as entertainment is concerned. We could have made a better financial showing. The net of about \$75.00 goes to our building and budget commitments. Shortly we will have a financial statement mailed to Branch members to show how our money is being used.

I pray that Rodeo Branch will always be an outstanding unit of this stake, it will with the fine cooperation and help the people put forward.

—Jack E. Binkerd.
Christmas will be a subject of the past by the time this copy of the Messenger reaches you; hence the events of the Christmas season are not included because of lack of space.

A more recent MIA social event was a progressive dinner at which 29 of the youth of the Branch were present. The meal was served in the homes of E. Phil Lewis, Edwin Lane, Leonard Smith, Cleon Fitt, and

Ruel Wanlass. Other parents helped provide the tasty food.

On January 6th the Richmond Wards were guests of our M. I. A. and the attendance, 69, was splendid.

We are very happy that Nelma Kersey has accepted the position of literature teacher in M. I. A.

Nora White was pleasantly surprised by a pink and blue shower given in her honor January 10th. Sisters Elsie Smith, Hope Pitt, and Geneva Wanlass being hostesses.

Several members of our Branch are on the sick list. M. L. Wanlass is recovering from an operation. Leila Binkerd and Isabella Ray, both Primary workers have been ill for some time.

Dr. Cleon Fitt has just returned from a business trip that took him across the nation to New York. In Salt Lake he visited our former Branch President, Reed Nelson, and his family.

Our thanks to all those who helped make our theater program a success. Phil Lewis was in charge of this fund raising project. The grand door prize a portable radio, was won by Carole Pink. The Stage Show featured Eddie Teo and His Royal Samoans. The audience was fascinated with their exotic songs and dances. The L. D. S. Singers, Rocky Drew and his dance instructor, and a young man, whose name I did not hear, played three accor-

—Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. (Joshua 1:9)
● Dr. Asabel D. Woodruff, dean of BYU Graduate School, has been appointed chairman of a committee of the American Psychological Association. He is an author of books on educational psychology.

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Berkeley First Ward

Le Roi B and Thelma Gardner were called to Salt Lake City in mid-January when Roi's father, James Hamilton Gardner, died. This excellent and great man who did so much for the sugar beet industry in Utah was the father of nine children, all of whom survive. He was in his ninety-third year. One of the late hobbies he enjoyed was that of making walking sticks, and today each of his children and many friends have samples of his skill and industry in this line. He had served as Mayor and Bishop of Lehi, as county commissioner, and in the Utah legislature; as vice president of Lehi State Bank and head of Lehi Roller Mills. He was on the State Committee which built the "This Is the Place" monument.

Reed Tolman and Beverly and their son David, are the guests of Nathan and LaRee Tolman at the Dunsmuir home. Reed is in training for commercial aviation which is to be his career, according to present plans.

G. Williams Richards, or "Bill," as everyone loves to call this gifted, friendly organist, when he was the wonder-master of the Berkeley chapel organ and also later served as the ward chorister, now is organist in the LDS chapel in New York, where, we understand, he is finishing higher work in the field of music after having taken all the courses offered at the UC in that line. The national publication, "The Hymn," by the The Hymn Society of America in its December issue, prints as its first story a scholarly research article by Bro. Richards, entitled, "In Dulci Jubilo," a true Christmas carol folksong of the 16th century. The song, words and music, also forms the front cover of "The Hymn."

Bishop J. Ward Green's daughter, Barbara, and Douglas D. Pimental, will be given a wedding reception at the Institute, February 9.

That leader among the BYU students, Dick Hulsh, is again mentioned in the BYU news coming to the Messenger. He now is selected to guide a group of college freshmen in a new organization on the campus that is called the "Saxons." This group is made advisable on account of the need for social life among the enlarged freshman classes.

John E. Eastmond, known to Berkeley as "Jack," a former member of the Berkeley ward bishopric, now a professor of physics at the BYU is also mentioned in the BYU news as in charge of the college's new observatory made possible through the aid of the Science Building.

Our Sunday School welcomes the new assistant to Sunday School Superintendent, Ed A. Pyle. He is Lynn Mahoney. The School is keeping up the attendance and great interest in the new lessons. The Gospel Plan, manual by Gerret de Yong, and based on "The Word of God," by Joseph Fielding Smith. Mrs. Marva Mahoney is also one of the new Sunday School teachers.

MIA had a great program on Tuesday, January 22, to improve the larger attendance on the "Go to Mutual" Church-wide drive to enlist more of the membership in attendance at MIA. It's fun to go to Mutual. The first of the literary lessons featured the poetry of Bobby Burns, January 22. Rachel Ball read some of the poems in the Scotch dialect. Some of the sisters came in costume. The call for making so many pairs of men's trousers is one of the current projects.

It has been suggested that if any wish to know of a simple plan which will help improve the family to Sunday School a few minutes before the hour of opening, that plan may be stated simply. Decide to leave home ten minutes earlier than the usual time to allow for parking and getting inside for the first hymn, or before. It's a nice feeling.

The ward teachers of the ward could show some improvement. Under the new plan for preparation meetings and an outline of the subjects to be discussed in the homes each month this improvement is felt to be very near.

Word came January 26 in a letter from former Berkeley ward members, George and Effie Southgate, now living at 1165 South Main, Salt Lake City, telling of the passing of the ninety-year-old mother of George E. The death came peacefully just after the holidays, and the funeral was held January 3. Elizabeth Nichols Southgate was as faithful and fervent a saint as the Church ever produced. In England for many years she was a mother to the Elders in the

Oakland Conference

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and Willomena Martin; Herbert Marsh, president of the stake mission; Elder Norman Stockton, returned from the So. African Mission; Jay Sorensen of the Danish Mission, Lorenzo N. Hoops of the H. C., and Elmo R. Smith, the newly appointed member of the stake presidency.

CONFERENCE GEMS OF THOUGHT

Members of the Church should not send questions of personal, and intimate matters of their daily lives to the First Presidency, but should consult their bishops or stake president who have knowledge of the situations and are divinely endowed to counsel the saints in their wards and stakes—Letter from First Presidency. The letter also asks that the saints refrain from discussions of the mysteries and things that the Lord has not revealed, and from asking questions pertaining thereto.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, and the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ—Colossians 2:8.

Too large a number of college students at Yale are reportedly flocking to classes taught by smart but professed atheist, agnostics, and those who are not sound in Americanism. Such a sample professor declared in class that he is 80 per cent atheistic and 20 per cent agnostic.—"God and Man at Yale" by a 1950 graduate as quoted by President Wright who added that this is the way to Communism.

"Lift up your hearts and rejoice, and gird up your loins, and take upon you the whole armor that you may be able to withstand the evil day, having done all... stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness... taking the shield of faith... and helmet of salvation, and sword of my Spirit which I have poured out upon you, and be faithful until I come, and ye shall be caught up, that where I am ye may be also." D&C 27: 13-18. Quoted by D. F. Right.

"Behold this is the way that I, the Lord, have decreed for my saints, that the poor shall be exalted, in that the rich are made low... therefore, if any man shall take of the abundance which I have made, and impart not his portion, according to the law of my Gospel, unto the poor and the needy, he shall, with the wicked, lift up his eyes in hell, being in torment." D&C 104:8. Quoted by Pres. Wright.

Norwich District, and was a comforter to all the members. One of the funeral speakers was President Selvoy J. Boyer, former president of the British Mission. Harper Stoneman, a former Berkeley ward member, sang two beautiful solos.

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Elmhurst Ward News

By JANETH EVANS

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

The Bishopric is truly concerned about the attendance at Sacrament meeting. It has been evident for some time that many members of the ward do not attend these important meetings as they should.

If we are not trying to set records in attendance, nor are we, in any sense, trying to establish any personal prestige. We are sincerely interested in the spiritual welfare of all of the members of the ward.

The Lord has commanded us to meet together often to partake of the Sacrament. He has also said, "I the Lord am bound when ye do what I say, but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise." The Lord is bound to bless us if we abide by his law. We, therefore, urge all the members of the ward to be sure they are keeping this commandment of God so they will receive his blessings.

Lorraine Mason and Ross Wilson announced their engagement the 25th of December. They plan to wed in the Salt Lake Temple in the early Spring.

We are happy to report that Sister Wofford is much better.

"Why I Attend Seminary"

By Ralene Darton.

"Although it seems early to get up and attend Seminary at 7:00 a.m., each morning, it is really worth while because we learn a lot of things about the Old Testament, our course of study. We have a teacher who is very learned and he can argue his point very well. We have valuable discussions and I have learned many things I didn't know about before. I have learned that 7 a.m. isn't really early because by the time we get to school we are ready for work."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School needs pictures and books to complete their library, directed by Sister Jensen. The Enrollment Program, directed by Bro. Bates, is functioning very well.

RELIEF SOCIETY

We regret the departure of Sister DeVries from our Relief Society. Her efforts we have reached 100 per cent subscriptions to the Relief Society Magazine for the past year. Sister Wilhelmina Martin will take her place.

Inez McFarlane is in Washington, D. C., visiting her daughter, Adele, and family.

We are sorry to report the recent death of Lotie Phillips sister. Lotie was unable to attend the funeral because of her own recent illness and the bad weather.

MUTUAL

The Road Show held on January 11 was a big success. Elmhurst tied Alameda ward for second place. On February 5 the Mutual will have a "Meet Me at Mutual Night." Every class will participate and there will be special skits from the Drama, Speech and Special Interest departments.

SPECIAL APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY

Each year, around Valentine's day, you and your family are invited to contribute one cent for each year of your age to the Primary Children's hospital.

The new hospital in Salt Lake City, just completed, was made possible through birthday pennies. When the Primary workers call at your home to collect your birthday pennies, let us open our hearts and purses.

E. Richmond Ward

By IRMA BLEDSOE

The Bishop Speaks:
Our new motto for the coming year: "Everyone out to Sacrament Meeting." To attend Sacrament meetings, and partake of the Sacrament is a commandment from God. Everytime we take the Sacrament we enter into a covenant with God to keep his commandments. Man cannot retain his spirituality if he remains inactive, for he loses contact

God. Our blessings come only by obedience to God's commandments; there is a blessing for each and every one. Come out to Sacrament, and receive the blessings that is in store for you.

Robert Barney is very capably filling the position of Sunday School Superintendent left vacant when Denton Brough was called into the Stake as President. Bob has accepted Quorum. Bob has chosen as his counselors, Stanley and Dean Madson.

The newly formed Fireside Group, which meets at Joe and Thelma Giovannini's on 30th St. are studying the Doctrine and Covenants under the direction of Brother Falls of the Rodeo branch. He has served in two missions, in France and Mexico, and is well qualified to answer questions that you may have; so we hope to see you on Sunday nights after Sacrament Meeting.

Many members from East Richmond Ward enjoyed the show and vaudeville acts, given January 17, by the Rodeo Branch in their local theatre, as a fund raising campaign for a new chapel.

Bob and Amy Richardson are the proud parents of a husky baby boy, born Dec. 21, and weighing nine pounds, six ounces. Bob has accepted a position in Cambridge, Mass., where he will be experimenting with the nucleus of the atom.

● Inevitably our LDS members are called to sell or to buy homes for themselves, and the LDS realty firms of the bay area are helpful in many cases. In the pages of the Messenger one sees the ads of such realtors as Joseph C. Eyring and Leroi B. Gardner of Berkeley, and Bybee and Bliss of East Oakland, the Morgan Realty of Telegraph Avenue and 42 street, and Margaret Healy of Orinda.

Among recent realty transfers are the Dilworth Jensen sale of their Kentucky street home and purchase of another on the Arlington; the Leonard Bradesons sale of their El Cerrito home as they moved to Lemore near Hanford; the Calvin Clyde purchase of the former home of Bob Richardson in El Cerrito, and the sale of the Frank Davis home in El Cerrito prior to their move to Southern California.

● Ira Call, the Olympic Florist on Foothill, Oakland says that during the late wet weather hot flowers have been in greater demand than ever. This is due to the fact that the usual California out-door growing flowers like daffodils and stocks were "rained out" to a large degree. The hot-house-raised supply was somewhat higher in price, but that lasted only during the emergency situation. Now things are back to normal for the most part, or will be soon. The Olympic Florists furnished the Ladies Chorus with their corsages when they sang at the Oakland Stake Conference January 27.

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BERKELEY STAKE SECTION

Walnut Creek Ward

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The month of January brought a change in the Mutual. Many thanks to outgoing Spt. Jensen and to John Spuller and Vern Hassmussen and others. The new Superintendent will be Roy Cella with Walter Scott, Activity Counselor and Dee Bates, Age Group Counselor. A party for the outgoing officers comes Friday, Jan. 25 at the home of Virginia Uffens.

We were thrilled that our Bishop Larsen had chosen Joseph Hilton as his counselor. Since Keith Oakley moved to Utah our bishop has been minus a counselor. Joe and Wanda his wife, as you know, have always been very active in M. L. A. in the ward and stake. They are a true asset to our ward, since moving here from Berkeley.

We were overjoyed to learn that Dee Bates returned home from Korea in time to spend Christmas holidays with his family. Dee now a civilian and back to his old job.

Congratulations to the new little people who have come to live in our Ward. Harold and Marilyn Price have a nice little sister for brother Craig, born Jan. 2. Jan. 18 Mr. McQuib was presented a baby daughter by his wife Shirley.

Nellie Johnson, the Relief Society Welfare counselor urges us to all get behind our ward in hours at the Welfare home. Many willing hands will be needed this year to do all the sewing to fill our quota.

Children are greatly attracted to the Creek near the Women's Club house and especially so this time of the year. The Primary officers and teachers being aware of the dangers involved, studied the problem at their preparation meeting Jan. 8. Genevieve Scott gave a very worthwhile lesson on the subject. Each teacher later presented the same or similar lesson to her class in Primary. It was decided that when children arrive at Primary they will be expected to come into the building and remain there under teacher's supervision, until Primary begins.

After the close of Primary at 11:15 a. m., if parents haven't arrived to take their children home volunteers will be on hand to help patrol the bridge and banks of the creek until the children are taken home. Parents are asked to cooperate in this movement. Let us as parents be certain we are not responsible for a possible tragedy through our neglect. You will be happy to know that our Primary Organization went over the top of their quota of 75 Children's Friends. Special thanks goes to Dorothy Oram who worked so hard to accomplish this.

Our Ward Building Benefit dinner Friday, Jan. 19, was very successful. There were 310 in attendance. The entertainment was supplied by the Alameda Ward. The committees were very well organized. Many thanks goes to Verla Hodge for such a splendid ham dinner. Special thanks to every one who worked to make this dinner a success.

YOUTH NIGHT IN BERKELEY STAKE

On the evening of January 5, well over 100 Junior Gleaners and Junior M Men and their parents assembled at Berkeley chapel for a "Youth Night." The program was centered around a talk by Dr. Emery R. Ranker on the subject of chastity.

Ralph Estridge gave a short talk on morality, and then the group enjoyed the frank remarks of Dr. Ranker. Afterwards the meeting divided and the Junior Gleaners and the Junior M Men with the parents met separately for discussion, at the conclusion of which they all reassembled for refreshments in the reception hall. A delightful evening was everyone's decision.

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Berk. Stake News

By Anna Patton

At the meeting of Berkeley Camp Daughters of Utah, Pioneers, Daughter Sarah Brockbank (mother of Daughter LaVon B. Johnson), a member of Central Camp, was a guest. Daughter Brockbank paid a glowing tribute to the late Flora Beane Horne who as an early D. U. P. General President laid the foundation work for much of the success the organization later achieved. Daughter Horne in her quiet way often interviewed senators and men of position in regard to the erecting of a museum for pioneer relics. She organized the first catalogue file work for biographies and historic material. After her terms as president she remained on the board as historian. She was an ardent temple worker, a genealogist, and Relief Society worker. After the site was chosen for the Daughters of the Pioneer Museum she worked hard to help the dream become a reality, and died of a heart attack on the steps of the same Museum Building a few months ago.

Yes! Our genial Stake M.I.A. Superintendent Kirke Decker has moved into a larger home; but don't go there expecting to use the Decker's guest bedroom (Continued on page 6)

Claremont Ward

By VIRGINIA WOOD.

Help Build Claremont's House of Worship.

Despite the rain, good signs of progress can be seen on Claremont's Chapel. Framework is well in evidence and the chapel is really taking shape. Everyone and anyone is invited to come around to the lot on Stuart Street and see the good work being done. And while you're there lend a helping hand!

"Meet Me At Mutual" night held on Jan. 23rd proved to be a big success. Let's unite our hands and hearts, and build a House to our Lord.

A vigorous campaign of publicity was put on by mutual officers throughout the month of January. Many green and gold ribbons bearing the words "Meet Me At Mutual January 23rd" were in evidence among the ward members. Surely these who attended "Mutual Night" must agree that Mutual has a great deal to offer every age group. Now let's make every Wednesday night, "Meet Me At Mutual" night. Everybody out for our excellent M. L. A.

Mark the evening of February 22nd on your calendar with a big red circle. This is the date of Claremont's big dinner. There are promises from the Bishopric of plenty of food and fun for everyone. Listen for details on this big event in the bishopric announcements.

Claremont welcomed home another one of its full-time missionaries recently. Louis Skanky and his companion took time out from studies in Utah to pay us a visit and recount his missionary experiences. Elder Skanky has been studying in Utah and will be home in his mission about two months ago.

The bishopric is urging a larger attendance of Sacrament Meeting. Every ward member should partake of the wonderful spirit at these meetings.

Recently we have had as speakers full-time missionaries, members of the high council and other well-qualified speakers.

HELP CLAREMONT BUILD A CHAPEL

Cleone Rogers of Claremont, now the Mrs. Everett Libby of Ennis, Idaho, wife of contractor of builder, Everett Libby, is very happy in her Idaho setting. We are informed by her mother, Mrs. Thomas Rogers. The Libbys are doing well in the business world, and in the work of the Kingdom.

Thomas Rogers and wife are planning to desert Berkeley in June for their acreage in Sebastopol, we learn. What will Claremont be like without the Rogers? They are among the first LDS families in the bay area. Henry Enos and the Ralph Hardstays are already established in Sebastopol, so the Rogers will have friends from the beginning.

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Berkeley Stake Social and Activity

Calendar

FEBRUARY 1952

Friday and Saturday, 8 and 9—Division basketball playoffs.
Thursday, 21—MIA Maid-Explorer dancing party; Berkeley, 8 p.m.
Friday, 29—Leap Year ball with Oakland stake, Oakland, 9 p.m.

MARCH 1952

Saturday, 8—Aaronic Priesthood youth award night, Berkeley, 8 p.m.
Friday, 14—Rodeo branch Gold and Green ball, Rodeo, 9 p.m.
Friday, 21—Richmond ward Gold and Green ball, Richmond, 9 p.m.
Friday, 28—Speech and music festival. Time, place to be announced.
Saturday, 29—M Men-Gleaner and Junior M Men and Junior Gleaners Lucky Clover dance. Time and place to be announced.

APRIL 1952

Saturday, 12—Berkeley First ward carnival, Berkeley.
Friday, 18—Berkeley stake Gold and Green ball, Richmond Municipal auditorium.
Friday, 25—Oakland stake Gold and Green ball, Oakland Scottish Rite building.
Saturday, 26—Berkeley stake Adult Aaronic priesthood party, Berkeley.

Berkeley Stake Meeting Calendar

FEBRUARY 1952

Saturday, 16—Stake quarterly conference, Berkeley.
Sunday, 17—Stake quarterly conference, Berkeley.
Saturday, 23—High Priests Quorum Meeting.
Saturday, 25—Stake MIA leadership meeting, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 1952

Monday, 3—Claremont ward conference starts.
Wednesday, 5—Claremont ward MIA conference, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 5—Stake family night, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 15—General stake priesthood meeting, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 16—Interstake Sunday school convention, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 22—High priests quorum meeting, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, 24—Walnut Creek ward conference starts.
Thursday, 27—Walnut Creek ward MIA conference, Walnut Creek, 7:30 p.m.

Bishopric's Message

It has been sometime since the building fund for the completion of the Vallejo Ward Chapel has been given concentrated attention. However, the time has long passed for this very important item to be brought to the attention of the Ward members.

In the very near future a representative from the bishopric will call on you for a pledge toward this fund. We solicit your cooperation and suggest that you make plans now for including a monthly contribution in your budget.

We can not impress too strongly the importance of this project. It is our hope that work towards completion of the Chapel and classrooms can be started by spring. To attain this objective, it is imperative that we have the combined support of every member of the Ward.

This will be an investment toward our spiritual upliftment and the future welfare of our children from which we will reap untold dividends.

Moab, Utah's newest movie town. Technicolor "Battle at Apache Pass" is the latest film to be made in this colorful, rugged south-eastern Utah section.

Church-Wide News

(Continued from page 1)

five-day finals beginning February 26, 1952.

A play, "A Stranger from Galilee" was presented in many wards of two stakes of Southern California during the recent holiday season by the stake missionaries.

A new branch of the Church was organized for the deaf in the Adams ward chapel, LLos Angeles, in January. Between 85 and 100 LDS families are found among the 5000 estimated deaf persons in the Los Angeles vicinity.

More than 1,000,000 tourists visited the Temple Square grounds in 1951. During the same period 400,000 visited the "This is the Place" monument at the mouth of Emigration canyon. This is declared by tourists to be the best historic monument of its kind in the United States. Extensive long-time plans will see the surrounding acres turned into a lovely park which will greatly add to the beauty of the spot and its enjoyment.

Bookcraft Publishers of Salt Lake announce that the scholarly studies of Dr. Hugh

Martinez Ward News

By GERTHA BROWN, Concord.

BISHOPRIC'S MESSAGE

Dear members, we are going to make better use of the Church plan for collecting Fast Offerings. Every family will be contacted by a Deacon or Aaronic Priesthood boy on the first Sunday of each month between 8 and 9 a.m. No one should object to this as we all belong to this Church as the result of our own free choice and should desire to do better in obeying the commandments of the Lord. If the Deacon fails to show up, or if you prefer to donate directly, put your contribution in one of the envelopes in the Church foyer, and give or mail it to the bishop.

Physical and spiritual blessings come if we fast for two meals, or 24 hours, from evening to evening, accompanied by prayer. The poor are benefited also by your contribution which has cost nothing except the price of the two meals skipped. An honest Fast Offering would be worth the price of the monthly food budget. It is our hope that we may all become more perfect with respect to this law in the year 1952.—THE BISHOPRIC.

Meet Me At Mutual" night on January 22 a program showed what our MIA has to offer you. Each department will give a sample of the part it plays in the program. The Road Show is progressing nicely.

The Scouts' Civic Service program was in obtaining pledges for blood bank donations.

The New Year's Eve dance was beautifully and effectively decorated, with a large crowd attending. The M Men and Gleaners stayed for a New Year's watch into the wee hours and for breakfast before going to their homes.

Martinez Primary recently graduated two guide boys, Carl Cook and Arnold Hull.

The Sixth Quorum of Elders were busy little Santa Claus helpers this year. Little houses to be used for toy storage. The frames were constructed in the Martinez Woodwork Shop and the painting done by a silk screen process by the Pittsburg group. This small house for toys was designed by Jack Roskelley, First Counselor of the Quorum. Fourteen were built, giving the Quorum a profit of \$20.

New members added to the Sixth Quorum of Elders: Eugene Bullock and J. M. Christensen. The new Martinez group leader and his assistant is Andrew H. Easton and J. D. Terry.

Sunday School is growing! Three new teachers have been added: Elden Puckett, Gospel Message; Lucille Colombo, Primary, and Marjorie Burr, Kindergarten. The Junior Sunday School will soon move to their new quarters in the Auxiliary building.

The Teacher Training Course, started January 10, with Bob Nelson

Nibley of the BYU on the Book of Mormon will soon be published in book form. Now they are only available in current and in back numbers of the MIA Era.

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Oakland Stake Section

Captain John Steele And Wife Lotta

by Mildred Fontana

Captain John Steele of Alameda Ward is being retired from Uncle Sam's service after thirty years of service. Fifteen years were spent outside the U. S. A.: in Nicaragua during the time the U. S. government was surveying for a possible new canal, in Alaska, the Philippines, and in Germany. They plan to live in Mazoola, Montana, a city near good fishing and hunting.

While the Steele's were stationed in Germany, sister Lotta Steele told us the people were so poor, destitute and disheartened they could hardly keep body and soul together. One Sunday at Sunday School she saw little children coming in cherry-eyed and smiling. They were wearing reconditioned shoes from America in place of the rags, burlap and make-shift foot-wear they had worn before. Sister Steele was so overcome with thankfulness and joy that all she could do was weep—and many more wept for joy too. She said if we only realized that the saint's condition in Germany was hopeless when succor came from Zion we would gladly do anything we were asked to do. Word swiftly passed around of this wonderful help to church members and many came to join. The Church had to close the membership for awhile. We will miss the Steele's but our love and good wishes go to them.

The above incident reminds me of the great amount of new cotton clothes we had made and stored at the Welfare House (and all over the church at welfare storage places) before the last war. Sisters used to sew and wonder what could ever be done with all those clothes. The material was bought when cotton goods were "dirt cheap"; then later the government took most of the cotton. Eventually a call came to help pack those clothes and they were soon on their way. We soon heard of the gratitude of the naked, starving saints in Europe. We discussed the law of obedience with gladness in our hearts, happy that we belonged to God's Church which had prophets, seers and revelators who could foresee the future. If this present trouser project seems big or hard just take comfort from the past.

Oakland Ward News

BY LOUANNE WRIGHT.

Speaking of New Year's, the stake New Year's Eve dance was really sensational. Oakland ward had charge of the refreshments and Elaine Renshaw, Marvin Alexander, Jim Norberg and Norval Alexander deserve much credit for preparing such a good lunch.

Bishop Warnick, Phyllis and Mike were of the more fortunate this year in taking a nice trip south to see the Rose Bowl. I think they were a little bit disappointed in the outcome of the game, but a few days in Palm Springs afterwards rather eased their pains.

Congratulations go to the new parents, Bob and Faye Gadd. We hope the new baby won't keep them at home too much.

Sister Toddie Salm wrote the Road Show script this year and really had an outstanding skit prepared. Of course, we think it was of the best and had a great time putting it on for the evening.

President and Sister Wright announced the engagement of their daughter, Louanne, to Curtis Finch. The announcement was made at the New Year's Eve dance in Alameda, a nice way to start the New Year.



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Oakland Stake News

By Mildred M. Fontana

On January 13, 1952, Alvin Barlow and Donald Hughes were released as counselors to Bishop Arnold Bangerter of the Alameda Ward. Bro. Barlow has moved to Centerville. Bro. Hughes has had a long and faithful service with three bishops. J. Newell Christensen and J. Reed Schow were sustained as counselors. Bro. Christensen has previously served in the bishopric of the San Leandro Ward and was currently serving Stake Sunday School assistant superintendent. Bro. Reed Schow was serving as one of the Seven Presidents of Seventies in Oakland stake, and also as leader of the Alameda ward missionaries.

Bro. Christensen's good wife, Helene, is now serving in the Alameda Relief Society Presidency. Bro. Schow's fine wife Lucille, is a past two-time president of Relief Society, and is now teaching in the Sunday School.

Would you believe it Bro. John England who has had charge of planting and harvesting the welfare lot at Welfare center for the past three years, is seventy-seven years young. He "looks and works" much younger than that. He has asked to be released and we want him to know we do appreciate these years of service.

Jan. 13th was a momentous day in Alameda. The former Alameda Bishop, Francis Winkel, and his good wife Rose, from Centerville, presented the ward with a beautiful oil painting, "The Sacred Grove". The artist is Edgar Jensen, Professor of Art at the B. Y. U. The picture, four by six feet, will hang in the chapel. Ralph Lane gave the fine lumber for the frame, Karl Lane made it, and Reed Schow finished it in a fine bleached mahogany to match the chapel woodwork. Professor Jensen has been a year finishing this fine work, and has had many art critics of the west pass on the picture.

Roland Daniels of Dimond Ward is home from a successful mission which started in Jerusalem, but ended in France because of influence accused our missionaries of spying. A reception was held Jan. 13 in Dimond Ward after the Sacramento Service in which Roland reported his mission. We're all looking forward to hearing you speak in the various wards, Roland.

Hayward Ward News

By ANN LIVINGSTON.

The Sunday School superintendentcy were released with a hearty vote of thanks. Superintendent Walter Graff is set apart as the Aaronic Priesthood advisor. Wayne McKibben and family are moving to Portland. Brother David Cummings, formerly of Berkeley, was sustained the new superintendent.

The George Sims and Ralph Smith families spent the holidays in Huntington Park and 29 Palms, and attended the Rose Bowl game.

Dr. Leo J. Parry was called to Salt Lake to attend the joint funeral of his mother and sister. The sister died at 5 a.m. and the mother that afternoon at 4 p.m. Sympathy is extended.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Hamilton Elliott and the Leonard Moores. Brother Elliott, a recent convert, died very suddenly in the night, January 4. He was buried with military honors at the Golden Cemetery. Brother and Sister Leonard Moore lost their only baby boy. Sister Moore is the daughter of Ed Perry and wife.

A stork shower was given to Cathy Mathews, recently released as the Junior Sunday School coordinator. The party was held at the home of Iris Smith, January 21. Kathyeen Ray invited a group of the young girls of the ward to a birthday show and party. Sarah Johnston honored her daughter-in-law at a stork shower.

It is Edna Smith, the Theology teacher for Relief Society, who reminds us that, "Fear kills faith, and faith kills fear."

• Federal investigative agency heads in the district including Utah concluded January 8 that there is no evidence of organized crime in Utah and hence no need for a Grand Jury at present.

San Leandro Ward

By Verna Jackson

It will soon be another "Happy Birthday" for the San Leandro Ward. It will be our fifth anniversary. When we look back on those years, it is unbelievable all that has taken place. The Lord has been more than good to us as a Ward. We must and do recognize his hand in our accomplishments. However, am sure the Lord recognizes too the willingness and faithfulness of our members in doing their part. He must be pleased. Now let's enjoy our Ward, let's use the facilities it provides and accept the friendship and association of the members. And too, we want those people who have moved into the Ward of recent months to feel welcome and at home among us, and to catch the spirit of the Ward. San Leandro's motto is "The Friendly City" and we want San Leandro Ward to continue its reputation as "The Friendly Ward."

Boy Scout Troop 15 held a Court of Honor, Tuesday evening, January 15th under the direction of Adrian Schipper, Chairman of the Troop Committee. Scout Jerry Bauer and Lee Christensen were advanced to First Class.

Our Boy Scouts would appreciate the meetings of the Ward bringing their accumulation of newspapers to the church, or if you wish, call any one of the Boy Scouts and they will pick them up.

We want to remind the ladies again that the Relief Society has changed its hours of meeting from Monday evening to Tuesday morning at 10:00 a. m. Presently, besides the regular Relief Society meetings, special classes in dressmaking and sewing techniques is being conducted weekly by Sister Martha Galsford. If you don't have the time to learn, if you do, learn the shortcuts and the latest methods. You'll enjoy Relief Society.

Our Ward very much enjoyed participation in the M. L. A. Road Show. Those who represented San Leandro deserves a pat on the back. We are proud of our orchestra under Mal Duke. Nor are we forgetting those who worked off stage.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

I would like to express the thanks of the Bishopric for another month's cooperation, although I realize you don't expect thanks in that sense of the word. We would like also to urge you to make plans, if you have not already done so, for a Home Evening each Monday night. Our ward calendar has been cleared now of activities on Monday evenings in order that we may be included in this church-wide program. The children's pleasure in having an evening devoted to them perhaps will be a surprising reward and you will find home ties will be considerably strengthened.—A Gifford Jackson, Verna Jackson.

Centerville S. S.

By MARIE LINDSAY.

Among the many holiday visitors were the parents of James A. Peterson who have just celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. The Earl Greens are expecting a January visit from her brother.

Dear Olive Fabre, who is in the hospital, very ill, has asked us to remember her in our prayers. Sister Bessie Purdy is still not able to meet with us in Sunday School. A sign of it is that she is home on January 6 to surprise her on her birthday.

Little Nancy Winke was taken to the hospital Saturday, January 5, but he is able to bring her home the following Tuesday.

A baby son, Forest Barton, was born to the Dan Rodlids on December 22. A baby girl, Beverly, came to the Lloyd Engrens, January 6.

Despite rather extreme weather, January 6 attendance at Sunday School numbered 88. Brother Clyde Lindsay had the honor of blessing his first granddaughter, Kristin Chapman Lindsay, the second child of Walter Lindsay.

A very fine testimony meeting followed the Sunday School, reminding all that with the New Year comes renewed determination to serve the Lord and to keep his commandments.

Saturday morning, January 12, found some local homes completely surrounded with water. Many floor furnaces are out on account of the flooded basements. It's the worst storm in 32 years, it is said.

January 5 Bishop Ostler came to the Lindsay home to accommodate the local people in the apartment of times. We enjoyed Sister Cleoma Ostler and little Alice and Bill.

The usual enthusiastically Sunday School officers and teachers meeting was held at the Clyde Lindsay home Friday, January 4. The next session, the first Friday in February, will assemble at the Ray and Cecil Truscott home on Thornton avenue, Newark.

• BYU is now microfilming all old BYU publications, valuable original manuscripts, and books that are impossible to purchase.

• Sherman T. Wright of Hayward reports that he has been very busy servicing radios and television sets through the month of December. He can care for your sets at better quality and better terms, we learn.

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Oakland Stake Social Calendar

Friday, February 1—Ward Gold and Green ball; Oakland ward.
Saturday, February 2—MIA Maid party; Alameda ward.
Friday, February 8—Rose prom (MIA Maids and Explorers) Alameda ward.
Friday, February 15—Castro Valley social; Castro Valley ward.
Friday, February 15—Sweethearts Ball; Alameda ward.
Friday, February 15—Sweethearts Ball; Dimond ward.
Saturday, February 16—Maxwell Park building fund social; Maxwell Park ward.
Saturday, February 16—Friendly dinner; Oakland ward.
Tuesday, February 19—Speech contests in the various ward MIA's.
Friday, February 22—Dance; Hayward ward.
Friday, February 29—Leap Year dance (Scottish Rites hall).
Please contact your local ward MIA and Sunday school officers for the exact starting times of these various events.

Oakland Stake Schedule of Meetings

Friday, February 1—Missionary benefit; Alameda ward.
Saturday, February 9—247 Quorum Seventy social; Dimond ward.
Sunday, February 10—Sunday school Union meeting.
Saturday, February 9—Friendly dinner; Oakland ward.

Livermore Br. News

By FAY B. KERN.

BRANCH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We now have a good start in our new year, and we are sure that this is going to be a year that will be long remembered in Livermore. We still have a lot to accomplish, but with everyone putting their shoulders to the wheel we will soon be a Ward. There are certain requirements that must be met here in Livermore Branch before the Lord will bless us with the right to become a Ward. These requirements are that we must pay a full tithing and budget, and we must all take a greater part in the Lords work by working in his Church. There are great blessings waiting for you, and you are the only one that can gain them for yourself.

I don't want to say that I appreciate the work that all of our officers and teachers are doing. They are truly furthering the work of the Lord here on earth.

We want all of you to feel that this is YOUR Branch, and that you have helped to make it grow; so please come and enjoy our friendliness, and together we will do the Lords work.

—Bruce McLaughlin, Br. Pres.
The Relief Society is becoming more fully organized. Betty Henderson, new to our branch, has consented to take over the sewing lesson; Barbara Clark the Social Science lessons; Mildred Medsker, the Literary lessons; Merle Creager, 1st Counselor, will continue to lead the Theology lessons. I'm sure all will want to attend the Thursday evening meetings to listen to these capable people on these vital topics.

• Among the 25 leading stakes in Aaronic attendance at priesthood and sacrament meetings in November 1951 were So. Los Angeles 64 per cent; Los Angeles 60 per cent; Inglewood 57 per cent; Glendale 56 per cent; Pasadena 55 per cent; San Bernardino 55 per cent; and Santa Monica 51 per cent.

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Oakland Stake Section

The Phelps in England Alameda Ward News

by Mildred Fontana

Good word comes from Winnifred and Rufus Phelps from Norwich, Norfolk, England, England, telling of their great joy in missionary service.

Quoting: "We had a very lovely Christmas, in fact, the best we have ever had . . . we received a wire from Donna (their daughter living at Walnut Creek) saying that Dee had arrived home from Korea after a year's service . . . our assignment again is to work with inactive members . . . Even the poorest family in our (home) ward has so much more than the people here. If they could just realize how much they have to be thankful for living in America and enjoying the blessings of the gospel as we do. If our mission didn't do anything for us except to strengthen our testimony of the gospel, give us a deeper appreciation for our country, our friends and our home, it would be more than worth what it has cost us."

The Phelps also have a son, Richard, on a mission in South America.

Rag Drive By Oakland Ward Scouts

Troupe 46 of Oakland word Boy Scouts of America is currently making a drive for rags with which they hope to finance their summer camping. Any rags except burlap and carpets will be most welcome. You will be pleasing the boys very much if you will call the chairman of this drive, Ed Collins, at Piedmont 5-4791M and report any contribution you may like to make to the rag drive. The boys are keen about their summer camping plans, and hope to be very successful in this matter of raising funds.

Messages From England and Scotland Missionaries

From Rue and Winnifred Phelps—Oakland stake missionaries in England—comes this word " . . . greetings from England; we are having the finest experience of our lives, and only wish that many of our dear friends could have the same opportunity. We are meeting many fine people and enjoy explaining the gospel to them. We enjoy the Messenger."

From Eugene and Ruth Hilton in Scotland comes this note on their Christmas card: "Dear Friends: May you be blessed with an abundance of all good things, both spiritually and temporally. All is well with us here in this cold, sunless (almost) part of Britain. We have indeed been greatly blessed. . . I appreciate your kindness. You are doing a fine work with the Messenger. May it continue to grow and do good. Our kindest greetings and love to all our friends."

Record BYU Dairy Heard
The Brigham Young University's dairy herd was top produced among medium-sized herds for the month of December, according to reports received from the county agent's office.

By GALEEN CLAYSON.

The Bishopric takes this opportunity to send New Year's greetings to every member of our ward. We suggest you make at least this one resolution for 1952: "I will keep an appointment with the Lord every Sunday evening at 7:00 in Sacramento meeting." We felt that this one act will be a great help in unifying us as one even as the Savior asked that we be one. Make the resolution now, it will pay you dividends.

The road show this year was indeed successful. Alameda's theme was "Love Thy Neighbor," presented under the direction of Lola Stam. We thank all those who so willingly took part in it.

Every month the Elders' Quorum presents a movie for the purpose of increasing our missionary fund; be sure to watch for the dates, and be in attendance each time.

Our basketball team is really on the beam this year, so let's all get on the ball and support the games to let our boys know how much we really appreciate their teamwork.

At the final census of the year 1951, Floyd Everson reports our ward population at 697.

Sunday, January 13 an important class took place in our ward bishopric. Alvin W. Barlow and Donald W. Hughes were released as counselors with a vote of thanks for their fine work. We welcome J. Newell Christensen and J. Reed Schow as the new counselors to Bishop Bangerter. Our clerks are Floyd H. Severson, Allen O. Peterson and Drax L. Smith.

An enjoyable time came to the Junior Gleaners and their mothers at the Junior Comraderie Tuesday night, January 15. Songs, panel discussions and refreshments were the highlights of the evening's entertainment.

February 19 is the speech contest program with a musical number. Be sure to keep in mind February will find it very much worthwhile.

January 22 was "Come to Mutual" night. Many brought friends and the class with the most was awarded a prize. We had a very enjoyable time together with games, refreshments, dancing and a program.

Be sure to keep in mind February 15th and attend our Sweetheart Ball, which promises to be a very special night of dancing and entertainment. Everyone is invited.

Elder Bruce Morgan who has been laboring in the Southern States Mission is expected home some time this month. We will certainly be happy to have him back with us again.

Those who wish to subscribe to the "Improvement Era" can do so through our Era directors, Evelyn and Eddie Fink, Lakehurst 2-9345.

TO WIVES OF ALAMEDA ELDERS
The priesthood honors her husband's priesthood is adding honors yet unseen upon herself and her family. In times of stress and crisis such a woman will be exalted over sorrows and obstacles, and in fair days will have greater blessings and joys.

What better way to honor that priesthood than for a wife to help in the Holy Priesthood after the order of the Son of God is not respected in this regard?

The Elders' Quorum presidency sends out a plea to wives and to Elders not to let anything whatsoever prevent attendance at Sunday morning Elders' Quorum meetings. God will not forget those who sacrifice to keep His commandments and who are willing to say, "Lord, I will obey and not make excuses."

Gold'n Gleaners Proud Record

The Golden Gleaners under the kindly direction of Mrs. Beatrice Larsen of Maxwell Park ward recently appeared as speakers on the Relief Society programs in three of the wards of the stake, all in one evening, while another Golden Gleaner conducted the Singing Mothers in another ward.

Two Golden Gleaners are now on Missions for the Church, and two others are on the Oakland stake MIA board. All twelve of the stake's Golden Gleaners are working in the Church, and most of those who are married are already mothers.

To The Memory of Eli K. Ferguson

It was my privilege to work with Brother Eli K. Ferguson, of the San Leandro Ward Chapel. I observed that in his speech there was no profanity. He was always considerate and patient with those of less experience. In church activities such as Group Leader of the High Priest's and in Sunday School Gospel Doctrine class he gave to us the benefit of his many experiences and wonderful memory; in quoting and explaining the scriptures and Church History.

As a Stake Missionary he was District President in San Leandro, and in this calling he displayed great faith, humility and a firm testimony, which drew people to an understanding of the benefits of the Gospel.

Indeed, Elder Ferguson was a true follower of Him who said, "Consider the lilies of the field how they grow, they toil not neither do they spin and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." A follower of Him who also said, "My doctrine is not mine but his that sent me; if any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself." Yes; a true follower of Jesus who said these words: "In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you; that where I am there ye may be also."

Maxwell Park Ward

By NORMA WILLIAMS.

Bishop Bybee has informed the ward that we will start to build a chapel in 1952. The plans for the building have been chosen. This endeavor will call for sacrifice from all of us, so we should keep this uppermost in our minds during the year.

Joyce Briscoe arrived home from the Eastern States Mission Christmas Eve, having fulfilled a successful year and a half mission. She presented her homecoming address to the ward January 13, thrilling all who attended the meeting. Afterwards the ward honored her at a reception. It is nice to have her with us again.

Nana and Rulon Polman were surprised recently by a house-warming, an expression of the warm feeling of friendship that all the ward members hold for this fine couple.

We regret to report the recent illness and hospitalization of Brother John Dahley. He is again happily on the road to better health.

Gary Clark, husband of Sharon Goodpasture Clark, has been made a corporal; now stationed at Pusan, Korea.

Have you heard about the Variety Show coming March 8 to help the building fund? Fern Nelson has been rehearsing a cast of 45, including the best talent from every ward in the stake and outside professional talent. The entire stake is invited to come and enjoy the evening of entertainment. Remember March 8.

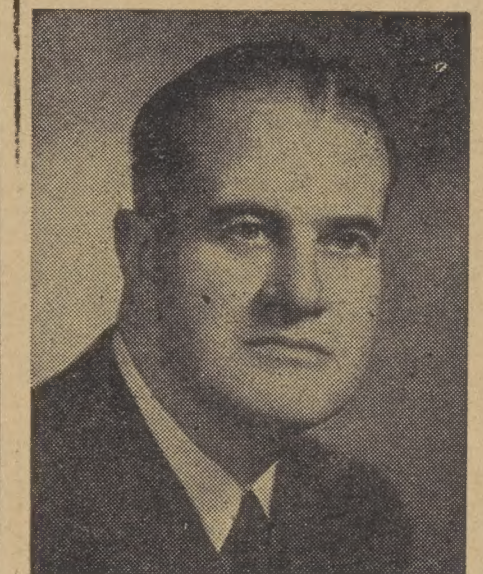
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Thumb-Nail Sketch

by Mildred Fontana

Charles and Hazel Reed

Hazel Reed is a very beautiful woman with the sweetest voice and face. She joined the Church of Jesus Christ in Georgia after much investigation and listening to a convincing sermon by the late Melvin J. Ballard.

Charles Reed from Ohio came into Hazel's life during the last war while he was serving in the U. S. Navy. They had a lovely courtship, but the purpose of this narrative is to tell of their connection with the Church. "Chuck", as Charles is called by everyone, was moved from one Navy post to another Navy post, and Hazel as a good wife followed. They spent some time at the Naval Air Station in Alameda but they did not come to Church. Then they were moved to Washington where LDS missionaries in tracing them found and brought them to the Church hall near their home. They attended once and the missionaries asked if they could come again to the Reed's home, and a time was appointed. The Reed's were conscious of their habits and so hurried to put away all ash trays and other evidence of the last evening's party, forgetting that an odor always lingers where the weed is smoked. They laughingly took a "last drag" as they thought it wouldn't be hospitable to smoke before guests who didn't believe in smoking. If the Reed's could not be hospitable they couldn't live; they are fine entertainers.

The missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Frisby by name, were greeted warmly and seated. Sister Frisby asked if they could have a word of prayer. The Reed's both answered "yes", and Chuck turned an ashen white. He said that it was difficult to breathe for a moment. What would his pals of the Navy think of this kneeling like hypocrites after the last evening's big party. The house was next to the sidewalk and many navy people passing all the time could see through the open windows.

Sister Frisby closed the window and pulled the blinds; Chuck breathed easier. Elder Frisby asked his wife to lead in prayer. They all knelt. Sister Frisby said "Dear Lord, bless these two dear people, the Reed's who have opened their home to us thy servants. Help them to realize Thy great love for them—Help them to rise above their environment . . . help us to say words of comfort and truth . . . Be with them today and always, help them with any bad habit etc. etc." All eyes were wet as they arose from that prayer of importuning God in their behalf. The Reed's felt the spirit of the Lord in the room and resolutions of better living came into their minds.

The Frisbys talked awhile pleading for God then asked if they could come again. When they had gone Hazel said, "Are you going to smoke anymore, Chuck?" "No", he said, "And I'm not going to drink either. How about you?" etc. The Reed's say no one had ever prayed like Sister Frisby in all their experience, and they will never forget that prayer.

Chuck soon joined the church and when they came back to Alameda we met them. They both did much fine work in the construction of the Alameda chapel. Also they worked with boy scouts and bee-hive girls, while Hazel was a visiting teacher for the Relief Society. For years they longed for a baby to bless their home, and become more worthy. They now have Charles Sheldon. Patriarch Fletcher gave them comfort blessings, and Pres Hilton gave them patriarchal blessings. Many promotions in the Navy have come to Chuck but he values being Elder in the Church more than all others. For now he can enter the temple of Our Lord with his family. May we change two to three, and say with Sister Frisby, "Lord, Bless these three dear people" for Chuck is going on a seven months cruise to Korea, and Hazel is driving two thousand miles to her mother in Atlanta, Georgia. They are returning to us at the end of this seven months.

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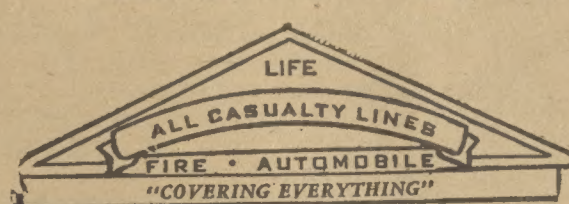
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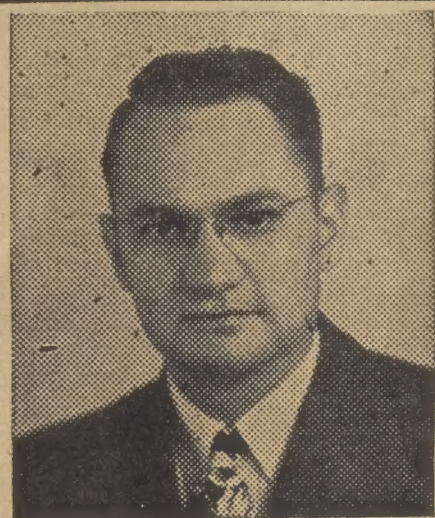
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Santa Rosa Stake Presidency's Message

For many years our church leaders have urged the Latter-day Saints to set aside one night each week to spend with their families in some wholesome activity. If we do this they have promised us that our families will be bound together in love and loyalty, and will be strong against the temptations of the world because of that unity.

Carquinez Ward

By DELLA K. REINHARDT, BISHOP'S MESSAGE
It has been just one year for the new bishopric. Looking back we can see one outstanding work performed by the members, and as Bishop we wish to compliment the members for this good work of bringing new members in our ward. We have baptized 22 persons all told, 13 by the members of our ward and four converts by the full time missionaries. Seven out of this number were husbands or wives of good Latter-day Saints. Each proud of this record. However, our work has only begun. Let us double our efforts to acquaint our families that they may think alike and bring joy everlasting into the homes and let us be missionaries, carrying the true gospel to our neighbors and all others who will lend us a listening ear.—Bishop David A. Harris.

Two boys in the service of our country were home for the holidays: Dale Kershaw and Ernest Lee, Dale, serving in the Navy, has been attending Electrical School at the Great Lakes Station, Illinois. Ernest Lee, also in the Navy, has been a tSan Diego. Dale's now in Key West, Florida, and Ernest has been transferred to Alameda, California.

We are happy to welcome back home Bette Kershaw, who has been working at San Rafael for the past three months.

We were happy to see several of our young college people home with their families for the holidays. They were: Faye Telford, Geraldine Johnson, Kenneth Sorenson, Donald Bond, Melvin Nielsen, Roland Knight, Richard Christoffersen and Frank Birch. The kids have all gone back to BYU and U of U.

Shirley Newman has also left for BYU. Lots of success, Sharlene! Brother William C. Crafts is home from a year working in Guam. It will be good seeing him play his violin again in our own Carquinez ward orchestra, and as each in the Sunday School as well as the MIA. Welcome home, Brother Crafts!

Everyone enjoyed themselves at the Stake Christmas dance and also at the ward New Year's Eve dance. Following the dance all the young people of the ward enjoyed a delicious breakfast of pastries and hot chocolate served and prepared by Waldo and Mary Harrison, Ralph and Eliza Clarke, Winnie and Howard Hacking and Elda Lowry. A perfect way to start the new year.

The fine Harvey J. Nielsen family held a family reunion during the holiday season. Among them was Therrell Nielsen, who just recently returned from a full-time mission in Denmark.

There was great sorrow in our hearts when one of our beloved Sisters, Jessie Ambsbaugh, passed away. An extended illness. Our sincere sympathy goes out to her family and many friends.

The return of one of our full-time missionaries, Robert C. Kelly, was a happy event. In the Spanish-American Mission Bob had many wonderful and inspirational experiences. Bob is now attending school.

On Fast Sunday, January 6, two babies, David Brent Benware of Reno, and Katherine Delene Reinhardt of Vallejo, were blessed by their fathers. Longratulations to their parents and keep Zion growing!

The Ward Genealogical Society presented a religious play, "Could This Happen to You," on Sunday, January 6, at the evening of the Stake Conference. Those who took part in the play were: William G. Kershaw, Ralph G. Clarke, Thomas B. Olsen and Sorina Pedersen. Soloist was Eltona Florida, accompanied by Dorafaye Olsen. The play was directed by Sister Venus Goss.

Bus. News Notes

(Continued from page one)
San Pablo avenue, El Cerrito, as well as the Trailer Sales Lot at 15900 East 14th Street, San Leandro where he is the distributor of the great Pan-American and Terre Cruiser House Trailers. At his new Trailer and Auto Park in San Pablo are ten fine cabins and space for 90 trailers. Utility rooms are all tiled.

Vallejo Ward

LA RUE A. POWELL.
Loyalty to our Church leaders was stressed by President John Murdock in his address at the quarterly conference on January 13. Elder Spencer Kimball, who was the visiting apostle brought out a similar idea. He stated that we are privileged to have our opinions, but that does not necessarily mean that they are always correct. Opinions without responsibility may be permitted and even welcomed, but they should be looked upon with careful scrutiny—because what a man says he would do if he could, may be quite different from what he does do when he can.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Boyd at the passing of their infant twin sons, born December 31, and passed away January 2. Surviving grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. May in McGuire. Bishop Newman, who conducted impressive graveside services for the babies, named Eugene Gregory and Gerald Edward, brought out the consoling thought, "The Lord lives, and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the Lord."

Marine Glen Larsen, who has been active in our ward, was recently transferred to Washington, D. C. There he will await further orders and a new assignment. Before his departure, one of the desires of his heart came about when he was confirmed an Elder.

It was good to welcome Bishop Newman back from a business trip to New York City. While there, he mixed pleasure with his business and saw many sights interesting to visitors.

Ukiah Ward News
On October 21, 1951, Ida P. Middleton was released as president of the YMMIA. Edell E. V. Wipf was set apart to take her place November 20. The Christmas party on December 21 and the dinner given by the auxiliary organizations of the ward were enjoyed by everyone present. The New Year was greeted with a delightful dance New Year's Eve, under the direction of the Mutuals.

Fairfield Branch Saints Build Cottage

There is a destiny that makes us brothers; none lives by self alone. All we put into the lives of others comes back into our own. This has been fully demonstrated in the Sebastopol Branch by the unity and spiritual blessings that have been manifested by the membership in all things pertaining to the building up of God's Kingdom. Our mixed population is in unity in all things and believes "if we are not one, we are not mine." It is wonderful to witness the great development of our Lamanite brothers and sisters, both young and old, advancing in the work of the Lord. One of our Lamanite priests spoke in Conference in Napa and bore his testimony in such a manner that we were very proud of him.

These Lamanite brothers and sisters in the Branch are conscious of the adage, "The glory of God is in intelligence" and also, "Whatsoever degree of intelligence we acquire in this life will rise with us in the resurrection." They are great book buyers, and we judge by their attitude that they use these books to good advantage.

We are moving our Branch meeting place to another location where we will be on the ground floor, and have a building all our own, so that our auxiliaries can meet and their parties without interference.

We feel in this small Branch that if we are faithful in serving the Lord, and keeping his commandments, we will be blessed beyond measure. May the Lord bless each and every one of us in His work, I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.—Ralph C. Hardisty.

Sebastopol looks on the last of January with a certain feeling of sadness as it brings to a close our happy relationship with Dick and Barbara Rasmussen. Brother Rasmussen, who is an intelligence officer stationed at Santa Rosa Naval Air Base. Sister Rasmussen has been an energetic worker in MIA. Her warm friendliness and lovely singing voice have been a welcome to our small group.

The ladies of the Branch are planning a farewell dinner party for the Rasmussens to be held at Julia Sibba's home January 24. Dick and Barbara will drive to Seattle with their two daughters, Judith and Patricia, after which Brother Rasmussen will ship out.

Remember the inspiring words: "If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy we seek after these things!"

H. P. FLOUR MILL

Latest word from the High Priest's Quorum is that the flour mill ordered several months ago has finally arrived. The mill has already been paid for and preparations are being made to install it at the Welfare Center. President Wood believes before many weeks the mill will be already been paid for, and has been installed at the Welfare Center grinding wheat to flour or for making cracked wheat. Quorum president Don C. Wood Sr., invites people to bring wheat to the Welfare Center Saturday February 2 for immediate grinding.

We have chapel plans and hope to start our building within the next year. The building of the branch but through it we have been brought closer together and have a better understanding of the problems that we face in carrying on the affairs of the Church.

We appreciate the assistance we received from Bro. C. M. Allen, who is a successful contractor in Fairfield. He helped us with the red tape which is always connected with any building, and with FHA regulations, etc. We thank all those who assisted us in any way and ask the Lord's blessings to be with them always.

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The Relief Society work day of the month was held at the home of Vera Mitchell. All ladies are invited to come out and help quilt or to learn how to quilt. You who do not come are missing a lot of fun. The Primary organization was honored by stake visitors last week. Members of our branch are asked to send their children to Primary which is held at the home of Pres. Lois Hunter.

Bro. Ervin Wursten, who holds the rank of colonel at Travis Air Force Base, was recently made base commander. We congratulate him on his promotion. Bro. Wursten is leader in the Special Interest group and is a very fine teacher.

The Genealogy meeting held Jan. 6 was very nicely presented, under the direction of Bro. Owen. Talks and music were inspirational and Bro. Owen gave us some wonderful thoughts on temple work. The Vacaville Sunday School is progressing rapidly under the able leadership of Supt. Orin Oliver and his counselors. May he and all the workers be blessed in the work they are doing.

A baby daughter was born to Kahty and Wayne Bovee on January 8. She weighed seven and a half pounds. She has been given the name of Elaine Diane. Kathy is one of our past Gold and Green queens; remember, Kathy Campbell.

Allan M. West, executive secretary of Utah Educ. Assn. has been promoted Chief of the Midwest (School) Administration Center set up in Chicago as a new experiment into interstate educational cooperation.

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Sebastopol Branch



BUILDING this modern cottage as a branch project, the Fairfield saints have now realized a gain for their budget of \$3300. This substantial sum shows the power of united effort in the spirit of sacrifice. Vallejo saints marked the way in a similar project about two years ago and with similar happy gains.

Blessings Received

By Leona Mendoca, Napa
We enjoy the Messenger and love the Gospel. Our blessings started when we met our wonderful stake president, Pres. John A. Murdock. I should like to write a few lines in verse about our president.

President John A. Murdock
This tall fine-looking man
We've come to love and understand;

By the kindness of his heart and soul
He has made our happiness whole.
Blessing us, his hands upon our head,

He comforted us the day we wed.
His soothing voice of spoken words so true
Inspired us to listen to this beautiful Gospel new;

His handshake warms us thru and thru
At Church services and Conferences too.
We pray God will bless him day by day
As he travels humbly on life's long way.

We have come into the Latter-day Saint Church thru President Murdock's inspiration upon us. My husband and I are converts. Merle joined in 1932 before he entered the army, and I joined in 1950. We love the Gospel and the people of the Church.

I had polio when six months old, and have never been strong, being in bed off and on all my life. Dr. Emery R. Ranker has helped me very much, and I feel much better spiritually and physically. Dr. Ranker's wonderful talks have also been good for me. . . . If I could have been a member of this Church and have known Doctor Ranker ten years ago my life would have been much different.

My prayers are being answered daily; I am blessed with a wonderful husband. Life can be beautiful thru prayer and the Lord's help.

We live on a farm in Napa Valley. We have two pretty pintos, ten goats, and a collie dog. I cannot have children so we have these wonderful animals to care for and enjoy. Goats give us plenty of good milk and they are full of play and affection. One of my greatest blessings is my pinto, and the pretty saddie. They are full of filment of day-dreams from the time I was a child.

Merle and I live with my father. Merle works at the tannery, and my mother also works, so that I keep house. We all help one another and get along fine. We have good parents. I write poetry and lyrics as a hobby. . . . Our farm is called "El Recinto de Cabrero", which means "The Goatherd Place" in Spanish.

Don Allphin, the East Oakland jeweler of M. P. ward left Oakland about January 20 to visit his brother George in Salt Lake City who was recently operated upon for a brain tumor. While in the city of the saints Don will visit with son Richard, the optometrist of Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete county, Utah. Don's son who works with him in the jewelry store, Lawrence, left on the 16th of January to attend the Lyons Convention San Diego returning on the 19th.

Fairfield Br. News

DOROTHY BLAISDELL, Reporter.
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
The house which was built by the members of the Fairfield Branch as a project to raise funds to purchase a chapel site and Welfare Farm was commenced December 9, 1950. Due to inclement weather we were having at the time we were not able to do very much until about February. From then until September, 1951, we worked on the project, the men working in the evenings and on Saturdays. The ladies of the Relief Society served meals in the evening for a while and every Saturday until the project was finished.

Cement work was supervised by Bro. Orin I. Oliver, who is very efficient at this type of work, with other brothers assisting.

The electrical work was done by Bro. Horace E. Owen, who is an electrician by trade.

The plumbing was installed by Branch President J. A. Blaisdell, assisted by Paul Staples, John Boss and Arvel Hardy.

There were 44 men who worked on the project more or less. Several of our adult Aaronic Priesthood members were brought into activity through working on the house.

The property has been sold and we were able to realize a profit of \$3300 from the project, not including the money which was raised by donation from the members when we first started.

We are now able to pay our half of the Welfare Farm and chapel site which consists of 23 1/2 acres of choice land just north of the city of Fairfield.

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Petaluma Branch

By MRS. NOLA BAKER.
Even the unembodied spirits of darkness respect divine authority; in all the affairs of men we insist on proper authority, yet in the realm of religion how often men presume to carry out their appointed tasks with only their own opinions to guide them. President Adair in a recent conversation with members of our Branch, has said, in substance, "God graciously conferred upon us the power by which worlds are made." Through he priesthood, thru men who have borne it with care, comes the divine authority to organize and maintain the Kingdom of God. Are we less enlightened than the spirits of evil? They, without exception, respect the all-embracing divine authority. What then should be our course?

There has been a change here in Petaluma, in the Primary Presidency. Sister June Scherek, who was president, has sailed to join her husband in Okinawa. The Branch presidency has seen fit to appoint your reporter as Primary president, with Virginia Wyatt and Dorothy Anderson as counselors, and Verna Baldwin remaining in her outstandingly efficient service as secretary, and Winnie Owens, Opal Smith and Bee Berry and LaVon Kirkman as the teachers. To do as well as our predecessors have done before us—this is our prayer.

A very gay farewell dinner was held for Sister June Scherek and her family of five on Wednesday the 16th, at the Petaluma Women's Club, despite the fact that the furnace was unusable. We built a huge fire in the fireplace which managed to keep us warm as well as heighten the feeling of closeness within the Branch. Red roses and blue world globes were also used for decoration.

An unknown poet has written: "I would rather walk by faith with Thee, than walk alone by sight."

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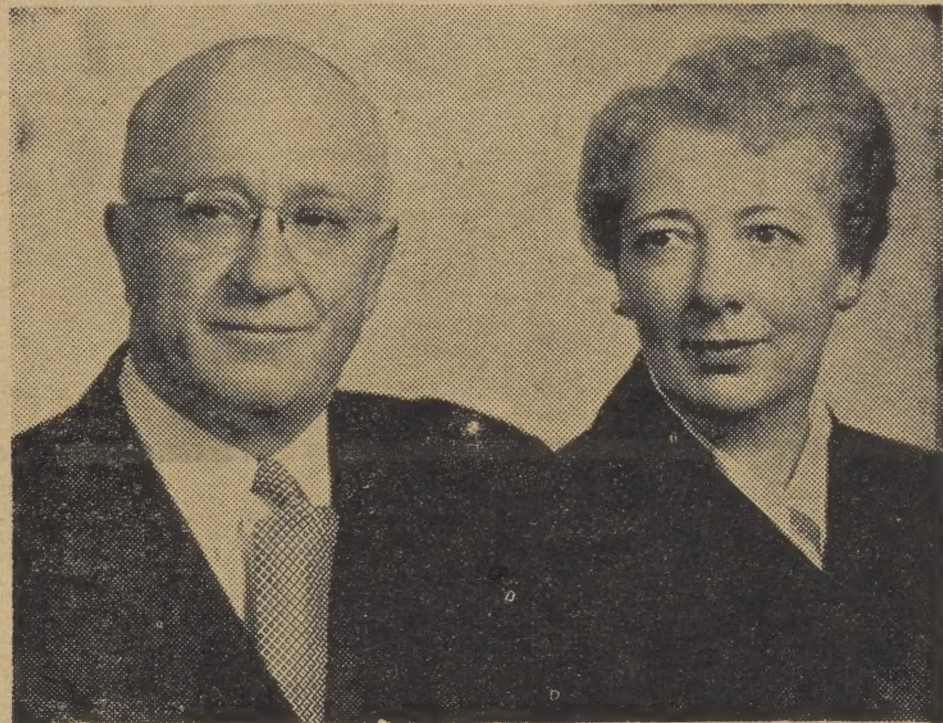
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PRESIDENT C. W. Nalder and Sister Nalder—After 24 years faithful service as father of San Francisco ward, Claude W. Nalder was called to preside over the Central Atlantic States Mission with headquarters at Roanoke, Va. Their farewell was held January 6. Sister Nalder will head the Mission Relief Society. Already letters have come from the Nalders expressing joy in their labors.

Mission Ward

By MRS. LEON F. LIDDELL

The Marius Jensens are starting the New Year in their new home in Marin county where Brother Jensen has been appointed general manager of the new Lindsay housing project near Hamilton Field. We wish them every success in their venture but their many friends in Mission ward will miss them greatly. A party was given in their honor Jan. 5, with Hamilton watches in appreciation of long and faithful services. Brother Jensen was released from his position as counselor in the bishopric after services. During this time he served as the capable chairman of the finance committee for the construction of the new building.

Sister Jensen has worked by his side and has been an inspiration in the various classes she has taught in the ward. As librarian she has faithfully promoted the use of the best of our Church literature.

Joseph Harper was sustained as Second Counselor in the Bishopric on January 6th. He has served as Sunday School Superintendent, Deacons Advisor, Mutual President, President of the Elders Quorum and a teacher in various departments. Brother Harper was born in Holladay, Utah. Living in San Francisco since 1940, he is employed at the San Francisco Naval Shipyard as Chief Quartermaster Shipfitter.

Elder Ivan Baker home after completing a two year mission in the Hawaiian Islands, gave an interesting report of his missionary experiences Sunday evening December 23rd in Sacramento meeting. He served as District President, and played on the winning church basketball team. He is now at BYU in Provo, Utah.

The Mantle Temple was the locale for the recent marriage of Mr. Hartley Lundgreen and Miss Vauna Lou Davis where Vauna's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Terry of Salt Lake City, who accompanied them, had been married in this temple exactly 51 years ago. Vauna is the daughter of Mrs. Reba Sewell of San Francisco and Hartley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Lundgreen of Monroe, Utah. The newly married couple will live in San Francisco while Hartley is stationed here in the United States Navy.

Another young couple soon to take marriage vows are Mr. Wm. Sessions and Miss Marilyn Politis. They will be married January 23, on Marilyn's twentieth birthday at the Politis home on College Avenue. Mr. Sessions, a member of the ward, and Miss Politis will be privileged to go to the Salt Lake Temple for their eternal covenant marriage on February 6th and will return to make their home in San Francisco where Bill is Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy.

We feel that we have a very remarkable record holder in the person of LeRoy Titus, one of the Seven Presidents of Seventies and their Group Leader in Mission Ward, and a stake missionary. Brother Titus donated blood for the 28th time at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank. Most of the donations have gone for the Armed Forces but about three have been given to ward members.

Sunset Ward News

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The Lord in His wisdom created within each of us His children, a certain satisfaction in doing a job well. From our youth we are taught and encouraged to do our best. One of the guideposts in the great Scouting program, in its endeavor to build better men, is that important fundamental "On My Honor I Will Do My Best." Competition in the business world is based on one's ability and determination to give of one's best. It is reasonable to expect that one should give his best. To further emphasize the importance of the above principle, the Lord not only encourages His children to respond with their talents and ability with which He has blessed them, but has seen fit to extend that basic fundamental into a commandment and the promise of an attendant blessing. "Therefore, O Ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve Him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day." D&C 4:2.

S. F. Stake News

By JEAN LAUPER

On January 12 and 13, the people of San Francisco stake gathered for quarterly conference, only to hear the assigned visitors, El-Rey Christiansen, assistant to the Twelve, and Donald Davis, of the welfare committee, were marooned in Nevada by the storms.

Speaking assignments were hurriedly made for the priesthood meeting Saturday night and the Sunday services, and the result was one of the finest conferences in years.

President J. Bryan Barton greeted the people and read a letter from the First Presidency urging them to go to their bishops for advice rather than write general authorities. He commented on the loss of senior high councilman Henry E. Thomson, by death, since the last conference, and the absence of Bishop and Sister Nalder, who have been called to preside over the Central Atlantic States Mission.

President Barton then introduced Elder Frank Taylor, son of the third president of the Church, who bore a powerful testimony of the goodness of the men who have led the Church, all of whom he has known intimately, with the exception of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Other speakers of the morning session were Elder Wilford Murray of the stake high council, who is president of the stake mission; T. R. Neilson, who was called from Sunset ward on a mission to Denmark and since his return has taken up residence in Vallejo with his parents, who attended conference with him; and Bishop Price of San Francisco ward who spoke briefly and bore his testimony. The opening and closing prayers were given by Stake Patriarch Stephen H. Winter and David Neff of the stake high council, respectively.

Shortly before the evening service, Pres. Barton received a call from Elder Christiansen, in Nevada, saying he was turning back, so the service went on with officers of the stake organizations as speakers. Ruby McDonald of the Primary; Ben E. Rich, superintendent of the YMMIA; Leo Jansen of the high council and Serge J. Lauper of the stake presidency spoke.

Supt. Rich presented to Roger Hiatt of San Francisco ward the coveted Master M Men award. Roger, now in the navy, is a convert to the Church. Elder William Southwick, who recently returned from a mission to Switzerland, was another speaker.

Pres. Barton spoke briefly before D. Forrest Green, superintendent of the Sunday school, pronounced the benediction. Excellent music was provided for all sessions. Sunday morning the San Francisco ward choir sang two numbers conducted by Lavonne Pardini, and in the evening the Mission ward choir, under the direction of Ida O'Brien, sang. Seymour Stead arranged conference music and led congregational singing. All agreed it was an unusually fine conference.

BISHOP NALDER FAREWELL
A capacity congregation gathered in the San Francisco ward chapel the evening of January 6, to attend the farewell of Bishop and Sister Claude Nalder called to head the Central Atlantic States Mission. Friends from far and near had gathered to pay tribute to this wonderful couple; relatives of both had come many, many miles to be with them.

Speakers were Thomas W. Gardner, president of the Northern California Mission, and President J. Bryan Barton of the San Francisco stake. The choir sang several songs, all favorites of the Nalders. President and Sister Nalder both expressed their appreciation for the experiences of the past 24 years in San Francisco ward, and for the opportunities of the future. Later, a reception was

held in the recreation hall, and refreshments were served. The young Nalders—Martin, Beverly and Nadine—left after the reception for their schools in Utah. President and Sister Nalder left for their mission January 10.

MIA

January 19 the stake Bee Hive Buzz was held. Movies, games, refreshments and singing were featured on the program which was unusually well attended.

It has been recommended by the general board that stake MIA leadership meetings be held on Saturday night in the future instead of Sunday afternoon, as previously done. This practice is quite general in Salt Lake City, with excellent results. The next leadership meeting will be held Saturday evening, February 9.

SNOW TRIP

The stake snow trip planned for February 22, is creating much interest among the young people. Because of the holiday, more time may be spent in Yosemite. Frank Heiss, who is in charge, will have with him a professional skier from Europe, who will instruct beginners.

During the holiday season, just passed, the Sunday school stake board enjoyed a party at the home of Ellie and Richard Pugmire.

One of the nicest Christmas parties we have heard of was that given by the Sunset ward Relief Society shortly before Christmas when they entertained 29 elderly women from the Laguna Honda Home for the Aged at a delicious luncheon. Children of the ward furnished a program before the women were served at beautifully decorated tables. The women were most appreciative and quite a number wrote letters of thanks to Sister Rhoda Hickenlooper and her co-workers.

Slowly recovering from the effects of a painful fall is Sister Louise Stoddard of Sunset ward.

San Rafael Ward

By PAULINE M. ROE

Sunday evening service on January 6, Bishop Weston L. Roe, and Counselor Clarence Leininger were the principal speakers. A women's trio "Truth Reflects upon our Senses" was rendered by Irene Spencer, Merle Dunford and Joyce Keller, accompanied by Don Cowley at the piano. At Fast Meeting on the same day, Norene Deaver was released as a Sunday School teacher, and Larry Reynolds as Y.M.M.I.A. president. Sustained in his place was Heaton Barker with Iril Stewart as 1st Counselor. Courtney Leishman secretary.

Brother Gerald M. Palmer of the Oakland Ward was the speaker at our last Sacramento meeting of the old year.

The next Building Fund Event will be dinner and entertainment under the direction of the Priesthood on February 2, held at the American Legion Hall in Mill Valley and will feature a STEAK dinner followed by four excellent professional acts, including a magician, a concert pianist, and a dance act. Open to the Stake, there will be dinner room for 300 only. At the time of this writing, our building is at the stage of putting on the outside sheeting.

Heaton and Delcie Barker are the proud parents of a 7 lb. baby boy, Kent, who arrived at the Ross General Hospital on January 7. Fireside for all M Men and Gleaners was held January 6, at the home of Sister Betty Jones. Stake Fireside will be held at the Stake House in San Francisco on January 20th. In charge of Master M Men, Don Cowley, and Golden Gleaner, Irene Boede.

San Rafael Ward M Men and Gleaners enjoyed an ice-skating party at Sutro's in San Francisco on January 15th. Al Schroeder and Merle Dunford were in charge.

—Pauline M. Roe

San Francisco Ward

By LAVON PARDINI

Sunday, Dec. 30, Bishop Claude W. Nalder was released and the bishopric was reorganized under the supervision of J. Bryan Barton, stake president. Our new bishop is Albert Price, who retained Charles E. Wright as first counselor, and chose as second counselor Albert C. Peterson. Leon N. Swenson and James Hall were retained as ward clerks.

Bishop Price was appointed to the position of superintendent of the MIA in 1948. After about two years in this office, he was chosen as second counselor to Bishop Nalder, where he has served well and faithfully until the present time.

The Prices' elder son, Kendall, is now on a mission in Canada, while the younger son, Keith, is attending the BYU. Their daughter, Patricia Jeanne, now Mrs. Richard Warrington, resides in Mountain View, Calif.

We are all very pleased and happy for Bishop Price and his lovely wife, Margaret. They deserve our faith and loyal support.

December 30th was a large evening. Besides the reorganization of the bishopric, we heard from returning missionaries, Elders Kent Richeson and Howard Ruff, both from the Eastern States Mission. Each related many wonderful, faith-promoting experiences of the work that they were truly a credit to the Church. Howard is now directing the Delta Phi chorus at BYU, but Kent hasn't decided whether he'll stay in Utah or come back to San Francisco.

Sunday evening, Dec. 6, testimonial farewell services were held for Pres. and Sister Claude W. Nalder, who have been called to preside over the Central Atlantic States Mission. The service was virtually a spiritual feast with remarks by Thomas W. Gardner, president of the Northern California Mission; J. Bryan Barton, president of the San Francisco stake, and Pres. and Sister Nalder.

No one who attended will soon forget the wonderful feeling and spirit that was present. After the service, everyone adjourned to the social hall where the Nalders and their children greeted individually each of the more than 600 friends, some of whom had come from as far as Los Angeles.

At the end of the evening, the Nalder children, Beverly, Nadine and Martin, left by automobile for Utah, where they will complete their studies—the girls at BYU, and Martin at the University of Utah.

Pres. and Sister Nalder left Jan. 10th for Salt Lake City, where they were set apart, before proceeding to Roanoke, Virginia, mission headquarters. We pray for the Lord's rich blessings upon them.

The San Francisco ward choir has had a mighty hectic program. Dec. 23rd at Sunday school, they sang three big numbers, and that night presented an hour-long Christmas cantata, "The Prince of Peace." Dec. 30th, they sang two numbers requested by the returning missionaries. Pres. and Sister Nalder were asked to select the choir numbers for their testimonial. Then for our stake quarterly conference, Jan. 13, at the morning session, the choir

presented two favorites of our new bishop.

It is with sadness that we report that Kevin, the young son of Wayne and Virginia Petersen, has passed away. Wayne and Virginia were very active members of our ward and stake for a number of years. After having completed dental school, Wayne established his practice in Payson, Utah.

The body of Elder Gordon C. Yates, who was killed in action in Korea, Oct. 9, has been returned for burial. Military services were held at the graveside at the Golden Gate National cemetery, San Bruno, Friday, Jan. 25.

Two friends of the church of long standing have entered the waters of baptism: Mabel M. George, wife of Dr. J. Morrill George, and Joseph Zanetti. The ordinances were performed by Bishop Claude W. Nalder.

Chit Chat: Martin, Beverly and Nadine Nalder, Karma Wright and Keith Price were home from their colleges over the Christmas holidays. Wallace and Theda Bennett decided they like Salt Lake better than San Francisco and have returned there to make their home. Ronald Wright is still in Butte, Montana, but should be home soon.

Howard Ruff was kept so busy with singing engagements while he was home over the holidays, his poor mother scarcely got a chance to see him. My, it was good to hear his fine baritone again.

Welcome new little citizens: Krel, daughter of Bob and Lujeanne Peters; Jill, daughter of Ralph and Joanne Thomas, now living in Berkeley; Karen Lynn, daughter of James and Norma Hall; Terry Jorth, son of Ted and Florice Thomas; Percy Craig, son of Percy and Kenna Williams; Sydney Ann, daughter of Bill and Irene Halversen; Gale LeRoy, son of Gale and Georgia Hammond, and Stefan, daughter of Grant and Barbara Walker.

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San Francisco Stake Social Calendar

Saturday, February 2—A building fund dinner given by San Rafael ward, to be held in the Mill Valley Legion hall at 7 p.m. Door prizes, too.

Monday, February 4 and 11—Stake folk dancing at stake house, 22nd and Lawton.

Friday, February 8—Sweetheart Balls, Sunset and Mission wards.

Friday, February 15—Sweetheart Balls, Balboa, San Rafael and San Francisco wards.

Friday, February 22—A snow trip to Yosemite. Because of the holiday there will be no rush to return home. An expert skier will help beginners. Frank Heiss in charge.

Monday, February 25—Stake folk dancing.

Friday, February 29—Mission ward Circus Party. Sounds fun.

Monday, March 3 and 10—Stake folk dancing.

Friday, March 14—Stake Gold and Green Ball.

Saturday, March 15—Stake Teen Gold and Green Ball.

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TO NICODEMUS

Verily, verily I say unto thee, We speak that we do know and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life . . . God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:11,14, 15, 17.

How Not To Teach a Child A Top Insurance Adjustor

By HELEN MARTIN

It is important to consider how you ask your child to cooperate.

AVOID THREATS

This method of "ruling by threats" brings momentary results; many parents fall back on it without realizing how dangerous it can be to the mental attitudes of the small child. The mother who says, "Darling, use the crayons gently, then there will be smooth crayons to use tomorrow," is using better psychology than when she says, "Don't break the crayons or I'll never let you use them again."

It is much better to say to the child, "Help mother fold up your clothes. We will race to see who can do it quickest and best," than to resort to the frequently heard, "Pick up those clothes and put them away or daddy won't read to you tonight."

POSITIVE APPROACH

The wise mother who makes the desirable actions interesting has gone more than half-way toward getting cooperation. She makes her requests positive and upbuilding, instead of negative and threatening.

A Parable

By JACK A. ROSKELLEY
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I like to express my thoughts in parables at times and this month I should like to tell you a parable of two men with new cars. These two men purchased new cars for themselves and as they drove them, this is what happened. The one man didn't take the time to read the instructions that came with his car. He took it for granted that it would take care of itself. He failed to replenish the oil and to check the battery and the water in the radiator. He didn't handle it with care and love.

One day an emergency arose and the man found that he was unable to get any power from the motor and the car was very slow to respond. He failed to meet the emergency and thus was lost. The second man took the book of instructions and studied them well. He learned how to take care of his car and how to drive it properly. He loved to drive it because of its power and beauty and he always renewed the oil at the specified time and kept everything as it was intended. One day an emergency arose and this man met it and won because he had preserved the power that his car had and it responded readily to his wishes. Brethren, the Priesthood which we hold is like a powerful car and unless we learn how to operate it and take care of it, it will be of no value to us and when we may need it most we may find it weak indeed. Let's read and study the instructions—together, at Priesthood meeting each Sunday morning.

Only Eternal Verities of God Can Save World From Own Stupidity

Everyone of us secretly wishes from time to time to be, as the old story has it, "to be king for a day". What wonderful things one could do to put the world right . . . That is what I have been wishing, after studying the great truths which have been expounded by the LDS Church leaders during the last few days.

I don't know what they did to you, but to me, after turning each leading address round and round, I am still being inspired by their messages. Here I am not thinking only of the purely spiritual side of the words but also of their application to the world's way of life—the material way.

SUSPICION AND FEAR

Today we have a world torn by strife, suspicion and fear; we have a world which has mortgaged up to the hilt the future of our children and our children's children; we have most vicious arms race in history—when all we need to have is simply what the Church leaders remind us of—the Ten Commandments.

If I were "king for a day" I should take a precis of all the addresses we have been listening to in the last few days and have them seriously studied by the members of every government in the world. I would dare them then to try and disprove that in that simple code of God's, there is not the answer to

A Top Insurance Adjustor For Automobile Club of Southern California.

Is Pres. Bakersfield Stake

One of the youngest stake presidents, son of a stake president's counselor, and nephew to William A. Pettit, recently released president of the Pasadena stake, A. Allan Pettit presides over a new California stake, Bakersfield, of some 2500 members, three wards being in Bakersfield, in addition to six others widely spaced wards and Branch units as far away as Taft and Mohave. Elder Pettit's wife is Phyllis Clayton, a granddaughter of William Clayton, composer of "Come, Ye Saints."

Graduating from UCLA in 1940 in the college of business administration Elder Pettit made connections with the insurance adjuster's work in which he now has risen to high places. The Pettits have four children. His hobbies run to camping and trout fishing or to week ends spent visiting old ghost towns and trying to build up a hobby of rock collecting.

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U. of U. Enrollment Shows Education & Business Colleges In Lead

U of U enrollment for winter quarter was 6149 is follows: Graduate School 512; Graduate School of Social Work 49; College of Business 798; College of Engineering 534; College of Fine Arts 275; College of Law 162; College of Medicine 155; College of Mines and Mineral Industries 119; College of Nursing 216; College of Pharmacy 180; University College 2248.

Elder Eldred G. Smith



Elder Eldred G. Smith, patriarch to the Church, celebrated his forty-fifth birthday anniversary Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1952.

Elder Smith was born in Lehi, Jan. 9, 1907, a son of Hyrum G. Smith and Martha Gee Smith. He married Jeanne Ness, August, 1932, in the Salt Lake Temple, and they are the parents of five children.

Elder Smith was sustained as patriarch to the Church at the closing session of the 117th annual General Conference, Sunday, April 5, 1947.

Prior to this appointment he served successively as a bishop, member of a stake High Council and as a branch president in Southern California, where he resided for a time.

Marine Corps Commissions And Plans for BYU Students to Remain in College Until They Receive Degrees

PROVO (Special) — Brigham Young University was visited last week by a Marine Corps officer procurement party from Denver, Colorado. The purpose of the visit was to interview and process men interested in obtaining Marine Corps commissions.

College freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who enroll in the Marine Platoon Leaders Class are allowed to remain in college until they receive their degrees.

The Marine Corps is also commissioning college women upon receipt of their college degree.

Our Nature And Our Needs

The individual's psychological needs have been outlined by leaders in this field as follows:

1. The need for affection; to live in reciprocal warm regard with one or more human beings.
2. The need for belonging to a group and to be a desired and desirable member thereof.
3. The need for independence; the freedom to order one's own life reasonably and to make one's own decisions.
4. The need for achievement; to create things; to accomplish things, and find success.
5. The need for recognition; to feel that one's personality and conduct meet with reasonable approval of one's equals.
6. The need for self-esteem; to feel that one's personality and conduct come up reasonably to one's own inner standards.

In all these matters it is noteworthy that the LDS concept of the dignity of the individual; of the normal family life which is taught by the Church, as well as the doctrines of the Church and the activities of the organizations and the quorums wherein each male member comes to hold the holy priesthood and to function therein are wonderfully fitted to fulfill all these basic psychological needs of our human natures, as well as our eternal destinies.

BYU Dean's Research Valued One Million

Rr. Raymond B. Farnsworth, acting dean of the BYU College of Applied Science and normally teacher of agronomy and bacteriology at the "Y", temporarily replaces Dr. Thomas L. Martin, dean, who is spending winter quarter in the Hawaiian Islands.

This native of Enterprise, Utah while working for his Ph.D. degree from Ohio State U did research on sugar beet problems. His research was considered very valuable, having estimated as averaging almost one million dollars per year benefit to beet growers in the mid-west.

Many of his articles on the physical properties of soils have appeared in scientific journals, he having done some of the pioneer work in the nation in the field of soil structure and aeration, and being in charge of potassium investigations on Utah soils.

LEAP YEAR DANCE

Oakland - Berkeley Stakes Scottish Rite Auditorium

Feb. 29, 9 to 12 P. M.

Girls Get Your

Dates Early

SEMI - FORMAL

Tickets On Sale Thru Your Ward MIA.

Dear Girls:

Leap Year comes but once every four years.

This is it!

Our chance to show the boys we appreciate them. They will be waiting for an invitation to the February 29 Leap Year Dance. Don't disappoint them.

Romantically yours,
Miss MIA.

Low Aspirations For A Life Of Minimum Effort and Maximum Pleasure

The late Dr. Alexis Carrel made an interesting statement about the need for self-discipline:

"All life has been made too easy for most of us. All life has aspired to the condition of . . . minimum effort and maximum pleasure. Amusement has been the national cry; a 'good time' our chief concern. The perfect life as viewed by the average youth or adult is a round of ease and entertainment . . . This indolent and undisciplined way of life has sapped our individual vigor, imperiled our democratic form of government . . . Our race pitifully needs new supplies of discipline, morality, and intelligence." This is not to say, of course that a reasonable amount of pleasure is not intended.

• Dr. Hugh Nibley's Era articles on "Lehi in the Desert" are soon to be published in German, Mexican and French while his current series of articles in the Era on "The World of the Jaredites" will later appear in several foreign languages.

"What is Man That Thou Art Mindful Of Him"

Using this sentence as a theme a most moving, and profound "Church of the Air" address was delivered Jan. 20, 1952 by President John K. Edmunds of the Chicago stake. Another surprising feature of the program was the excellence of the singing of the 75-voice Chicago Stake Choir conducted by Sylvan D. Ward who is an instructor in music at the Chicago Teachers College, assistant conductor and first violinist of the Chicago Business Men's Orchestra, and a composer of choir numbers.

President Edmunds has practiced law in Chicago since 1930. He was a teacher of speech at the U. of U. from 1905 to 1927, and an instructor of the same subject at Northwestern University from 1927 to 1931. A graduate of BYU he received his doctorate from Northwestern University. A copy of his wonderful sermon may be obtained by writing to radio station KCBS in San Francisco. The sermon is also printed in the Church Section, Des. News, January 23.

BYU Symphony Orchestra Tours Bay Area April 30 - May 2, Eighty Musicians Coming

Boners

The Great Flood was sent because of the large number of dirty people.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is where Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

A deacon is the lowest kind of Christian.

An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

Faith is the quality that enables us to believe what we know to be untrue.

A Protestant is a woman who gets her living thru an immoral life.

A polygon is a man with many wives.

Animal husbandry is the act of having more than one husband at the same time.

A bibiomanic is one who reads the Bible incessantly from cover to cover.

Christian Science is when they cure you, and you ain't there, by thinking good things about you even if there ain't any.

In the 19th century all the morons moved to Utah.

King James wrote the bible. Emerson became the pastor of the First Utilitarian Church.

A Pedagog is a place where the Jews worship.

An illiterate child is one whose parents are not married.

Literary Gems

By Robert Louis Stevenson

"An aspiration is a joy for ever, a possession as solid as a landed estate, a fortune which never exhausts, and which gives us year by year a revenue of pleasurable activity. To have many of these is to be spiritually rich."

COMMENT: To aspire is defined to have an earnest desire for something fine and good and holy, as the Psalmist: "O God, my soul thirsteth for thee". To aspire to live closer to God day by day; to have a burning testimony; to be one who keeps all the commandments: "If a man constantly aspires is he not elevated?" Did a man ever try heroism, magnanimity, truth, sincerity, and find that there was Thoreau. "Cherish your dreams, no advantage in them? asks cherish your ideals; cherish your holy desires . . . for of these your life will one day be formed."

MALNUTRITION

By WM. BRADY, M.D.
C/o Berkeley Gazette

Malnutrition and nutritional deficiency are one and the same, meaning, nearly always, that the individual suffers in one way or another growth, development, functional efficiency, vigor, fertility, longevity — because of habitual, prolonged lack or deprivation of one or several (usually several) elements or substances which are essential for good or normal nutrition.

Malnutrition or nutritional deficiency prevails among the well-to-do as well as among the poor in Canada and the United States. It should not be confused with hunger or starvation. Most of the malnutrition or nutritional deficiency disease in North America is due, not to deprivation or insufficient nourishment, but to ignorance.

If there is a deficiency of any one of the B vitamins, such as thiamine (B1, riboflavin (B2) or niacin, it is wise to assume there are deficiencies of many or all of the B vitamins, and so far as the correction of these manifestations is concerned one should take vitamin B complex rather than just thiamine or any other single factor.

Best, cheapest and most effective way to get the full benefit of vitamin B complex is, I believe, by eating wheat. If you care to know how to make plain wheat a staple in your everyday diet send a stamped addressed envelope and ask in writing (if you send a clipping you will get no reply) for the pamphlet Wheat to Eat.

Burning in the mouth, sore tongue, difficulty in swallowing some solid foods, pointed, narrow, shiny tongue are manifestations of iron deficiency particularly in women in the third or fourth decade. If this "hits your case" I have another pamphlet available on written request if you provide stamped self addressed envelope. It is titled Deficiency Anemia. If you ask for both pamphlets, please inclose ten cents in addition.

B.Y.U. Professors Conduct Music Clinic for IMA

Lawrence W. Sardoni and Newell B. Weight, both of the Brigham Young University music faculty, conducted the orchestral and vocal clinics of the North Central Idaho Music Association in Idaho Falls January 16 and 17.

The meet, the first of its kind scheduled at the Idaho Falls High School, will be held in the new two million dollar school.

Three of the major Brigham Young University music organizations, each of eighty members, are scheduled to go on tour, according to Dr. Gerrit deJong Jr., Dean of the BYU college of fine arts.

They are the Symphony Orchestra, the Cappella Choir, and the Concert Band.

The Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Lawrence W. Sardoni, acting chairman of the BYU music department, will be into Northern California. They will appear April 27 in Ely, Nevada; April 28, Reno; April 29, Santa Rosa, April 30 11 a.m. at Vallejo Junior College; 8 p.m., Berkeley Civic Auditorium; May 1, 11 a.m., Mare Island; 8 p.m., San Francisco; May 2, 2 p.m., College of the Pacific in Stockton.

The Concert Band, under the direction of Norman J. Hunt, who has recently returned from a year's study at the Paris Conservatoire, will make the first tour into Arizona, beginning at Flagstaff, March 23.

The Cappella Choir, conducted by Newell B. Weight, after a highly successful tour of northern California last season, will tour into Southern California, beginning May 4 at Las Vegas.

Personal Welfare:

Store Food Supply

The Fourth Quorum of Elders thru Dan Drumiler of Concord once more calls attention to the admonition of our Church leaders to obtain at least a year's supply of food and clothing. Below is listed the six basic foods suitable for storage:

1. Bottled or canned fruit and vegetables.
2. Wheat stored in containers using fumigant
3. Canned or powdered milk.
4. Dried beans and cracked peas.
5. Honey.
6. Rice.

The Fourth Quorum state that almost any other food may be obtained thru the quorum in case-lots at a wholesale price plus 25 cents. The Millward Brothers Market on College avenue, Berkeley, also make prices for quantity buying, and deliver to the home.

Great Thought

Generates Power

Marcus Aurelius said, "A man's life is what his thoughts make it" Emerson said, "Great thoughts find us young and always keep us so," and he added, "A man is what he thinks about all the day long."

Paul said in Romans, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds." Thus one generates a creative power in mind that helps in attacking our problems with power and success.

This is why one should read the Bible and other Scripture every day as an antidote to the unhealthy thoughts which he accumulates. It has been said that it takes about three readings of the Bible to make up for one reading of the newspapers. It can flush out fear, and give one strength: "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds."

"When you wake up in the morning, lie there, stretch yourself out. Then have a little prayer." Thank God for your many blessings, and above all just for having Him to be your eternal Father, and for Jesus the creator of the world and its exemplar of fine living and its redeemer.

Are We Using The Facilities of The Messenger to the Full

Listen, if you please, bishops and all ward and stake officers and leaders. Here is a little suggestion that won't cost you a penny, but may make or break your undertakings to a fair degree.

(a) Bishops: Our word to ward reporters is please don't send in ward news until you have a message from one of the bishopric to head the column. "Build morale and spirituality thru the Messenger" may be the proper slogan. So many members are inactive and seldom see a ward teacher. But the Messenger goes into every home regularly.

(b) Heads of ward and stake organizations and committees: Members read ward and stake Messenger news first, it is said. You naturally wish people to come out to your meetings. Wouldn't a spirited and consistent report in the Messenger of your organization's aims and activities keep people better informed and interested? Can't be very interested in something you don't hear about, can you? Let's freely use the freely offered publicity. You work hard to make things a success. Then why hide it under a bushel? Why not tell it to the world thru the news columns? Wouldn't it make your hard work even more fruitful, if kept up consistently?